

From: April Maese
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 8:34 AM
To: Sen Dingfelder; Sen Olsen; Sen Bates; Sen Hansell; Sen Hass
Cc: Harrison Clay
Subject: Please Support SB 488

Sent on behalf of Mr. Harrison Clay.

Dear Members of the Senate Environment & Natural Resource Committee;

This Monday, March 18th, the Senate Environment & Natural Resource Committee will hear about SB 488 -- Oregon's Clean Fuels Program. I'm writing to urge you to support SB 488 because it will help reduce Oregon's dependence on imported fossil fuels, spur investment in alternative fuel supplies in Oregon, diversify transportation fuel supplies, and improve Oregon's environment.

At Clean Energy Renewable Fuels, we work to bring renewable natural gas to communities nationwide. The waste in your landfills, the manure decomposing and releasing methane on farms, and the waste your sewer systems are processing all have potential to create energy -- including transportation fuels. Don't let Oregon miss a big opportunity to capitalize on the resources you already have.

Will you please support SB 488?

Sincerely,

Harrison Clay
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Subject: SB 488

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I support SB 488. The sunset on the program should be removed.

I represented the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon on DEQ's original Clean Fuel Advisory Committee. It was evident that cost and the impact on gas prices, and Oregon's economy, was a prime concern. Thus, the committee retained a consultant to complete and objective study on the impacts - in part to address wild cost impact claims by some members of the Committee.

The DEQ analysis concluded that there would be a modestly positive impact on the economy - and price impacts should be minimal. This has not stopped the exaggerated assertions about gas prices. This is despite the fact that:

1. Complete dependence on petroleum leaves us vulnerable to inevitable price increases and price spikes.
2. Petroleum is a limited resource that is becoming more expensive and environmentally damaging to extract -- everyone agrees that the days of cheap gasoline are over..
3. The Clean Fuels program builds in safeguards that protect businesses and individuals in the unlikely case that price spikes or supply shortages occur.

Thank you for attention to this important issue that is critical to Oregon's clean energy future.

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