

March 15, 2013

Senator Dingfelder, Chair  
Senator Olsen, Vice Chair  
Senator Bates  
Senator Hansell  
Senator Hass

RE: Senate Bill 488, Oregon Clean Fuels Program

Dear members of the Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee,

We, the undersigned, are advocates for a future where Oregon's energy needs are met with clean and low-carbon energy sources, and where energy-efficient buildings and transportation lessen Oregon's energy needs overall. We write today to express our support for the Oregon Clean Fuels Program because we see it as a key element to achieving this future.

Oregon needs to do everything it can to improve the environmental performance of our transportation system. This means encouraging more efficient travel, supporting transportation options, making vehicles more fuel-efficient, and ensuring a more diverse, lower-carbon, cleaner mix of transportation fuels.

The Clean Fuels Program will spur clean fuels production by setting a standard to reduce the carbon dioxide pollution produced from fuels sold in Oregon by 10% over ten years. We can meet this standard only if we start to wean ourselves off of oil and reward Oregon's clean fuel innovators for powering our cars and trucks in other ways.

The Clean Fuels Program takes into account the greenhouse gas emissions from extracting, refining, and transporting transportation fuels, as well as from the cars and trucks that use them. Our organizations are working to ensure that replacement fuels are environmentally sustainable from many angles. For example, by promoting renewable energy, we are working to ensure the electricity mix that powers electric vehicles will become cleaner and cleaner over time. And we're working to ensure that second-generation biofuels production, such as biodiesel produced from waste grease, becomes the norm. Right here in Oregon, the SeQuential Biodiesel plant in Salem utilizes used oil from Kettle Foods' operations, and ZeaChem just began cellulosic ethanol production in Boardman. Lifting the sunset on the Clean Fuels Program through Senate Bill 488 will provide a strong incentive for other sustainable fuels companies to set up operations in Oregon.

Diversifying our fuel supply is not only good for human health and the environment, it will also provide significant economic benefits for our state including lower-cost fuels and job creation.

You've heard the phrase, "The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now." The same is true of cleaning up dirty fuels: **the time is now to get our vehicles running on something other than dinosaur fuel.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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