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The Honorable Chris Edwards Chair, Oregon Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources 900 Court St. NE, Salem Oregon 97301 January 29, 2015

## RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 324: REPEALING SUNSET ON LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD

## Dear Senator Edwards:

On behalf of Clean Energy, I would like to respectfully express support for SB 324, a bill that would repeal the sunset on provisions related to the Oregon Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS), requiring fuel importers and producers to reduce the carbon content of transportation fuels by 10 percent over the next decade, starting in January 2016.

As North America's largest provider of natural gas transportation fuel with over seventeen years of experience, we provide construction, operation and maintenance services for refueling stations. We have a deep understanding of the growing marketplace, and our portfolio includes over 550 stations in 43 states.

Already used as a clean source of energy around the world, natural gas is abundant and proven to be a cost-saving alternative fuel. Natural gas for transportation fuel strengthens our economy with lower fuel costs, increases our energy security, and significantly benefits our environment by reducing our carbon footprint 30% relative to diesel fuel.

Clean Energy was an early supporter of California's LCFS, and we continue to strongly support the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) re-authorization of the LCFS regulation. We are committed to continue working closely with CARB staff as the process continues and likely concludes in July with a final re-authorization vote.

Should SB 324 ultimately be enacted, we would like to participate in the regulatory process to help ensure an effective regulation is put into place. We ask that the legislature express their intent with this bill that such a process be open, inclusive, transparent, and especially respectful of stakeholders who have the technical expertise to make a positive contribution to the final regulations.

Thank you for considering our views as you deliberate this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members, Oregon Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources