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The Honorable Chris Edwards, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
900 Court Street, NE, S-411
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 324 / Low Carbon Fuel Standard

Dear Chair Edwards and Members of the Committee,

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce represents more than 500 businesses and organizations employing 17,000 Douglas County residents. The Roseburg Area Chamber strongly opposes the low carbon fuel standard (LCFS). The chamber, specifically, opposes SB 324 that would repeal sunset provisions on LCFS, which your committee plans to hold public hearing on Monday, February 2. On behalf of citizens and businesses in our rural community, we respectfully request this bill **not** be passed out of committee.

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes a number of problems with SB 324:

1. Significant increase in gas prices, reducing our citizens' incomes and adversely impacting our local economy.
2. Burdening our low income citizens who will shoulder a disproportionate share of the cost.
3. Negative impact on hospitality industry—businesses and employees—in visitor-destination communities such as Douglas County.
4. Considerably more jobs will be sacrificed than created, and whatever job gains SB 324 purports to produce will not materialize in our rural community.
5. As a timber-based community, Douglas County's economic recovery is fragile. Imposing these costs on our citizens and businesses when the benefit of reduced fuel prices is just now being realized, would be a blow to our local economy.
6. The increased costs of the LCFS will not fund safer and better roads, a significant priority in our community.
7. Oregon's carbon footprint is one of the lowest in the nation. Imposing the LCFS costs and regulations makes no sense when other states with larger carbon emissions—that Oregon is competing with to attract companies and jobs—are not doing the same. The result would be yet another competitive disadvantage, costing Oregon employers, jobs and tax revenue.

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce strongly urges a "no" vote on SB 324. The costs of the legislation far outweigh any benefits to our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Debra L. Fromdahl
President & CEO

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To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.

To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economic development, community promotion and member programs and services.