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Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee



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Re: Low Carbon Fuel Standard (SB 324)

Dear Chair Edwards and Members of the Committee,

The Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce has taken a position in opposition to renewing the Clean Fuels Program. We oppose Senate Bill 324. We remain strong in our position that a National posture on carbon limits will ensure competitive fairness for our businesses and citizens of Oregon. Placing Oregon businesses at a disadvantage to other states by imposing burdensome regulations and higher costs of doing business on them will not encourage retention, growth or attraction of jobs in Oregon to generate income taxes.

Oregon and Oregonians have just recently enjoyed seeing our economy rebound and significant jobs growth. Increasing the costs of doing business will only stunt that growth and significantly harm it especially in rural areas of Oregon.

We are a strong proponent of investing in better roads and transportation infrastructure. Increases in the gas taxes should be dedicated to such. Under SB 324, none of the money from the increased fuel costs will go towards fixing and improving our roads. Furthermore, if SB 324 is successful, it will compromise the appetite for Oregonians to support taxes for transportation infrastructure well into the future.

The Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully asks for your consideration and NO vote on SB 324.

Sincerely,

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