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Chair Vega Pederson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gavin Carpenter and I am with SeQuential Biodiesel. We are Oregon's largest and longest running biodiesel facility. We produce 6.5 million gallons a year of low carbon sustainable biodiesel from used cooking oil and our capacity is 15 mgy. We collected from over 8000 restaurants in Oregon, Washington, and California and we employ 83 people all receiving medical and dental benefits and earning living wage jobs. We have over 60 retail locations offering 20% biodiesel blends in Oregon.

The biodiesel industry has been immobilized by inconsistent policy at the federal level. Credits expiring for a year then becoming retroactive combined with indecisive leadership from the Environmental Protection Agency have suffocated any investment or growth in our industry.

Hence it is critical that we develop effective policy at the state level. There are 3 initiatives that have had a significant impact on the regional biodiesel industry.

- 1.) Oregon's 5% Renewable Fuel Standard. Oregon is leading the way as one of the first states to require all diesel be blended with 5% biodiesel.
- 2.) Tax Forgiveness Program. Going into effect in 2014, this bill has brought cleaner burning sustainable biodiesel to over 60 retail locations in Oregon and proven thousands of vehicles can run higher blends of biodiesel without concern.
- 3.) Oregon's Clean Fuel Program. A thorough and balanced policy that will generate demand for sustainable biodiesel over the next 10 years.

The Clean Fuels Program is the key to unlocking investment and amplifying growth in Oregon's renewable fuels industry. The consistent and steady demand sends a message to investors, innovators, and entrepreneurs there will be need for low carbon fuels in 2015, 2020, and 2025.

Our state is brimming with the talent, passion, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit to meet that demand and SeQuential plans to be on the leading edge of low carbon biodiesel production.

This program is written by Oregonians for Oregonians and will position us at the forefront of the robust clean fuels industry for years to come.

Thank you.

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