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Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court St NE Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

Chairman Devlin, Chairman Rayfield and Subcommittee members:

On behalf of the National Biodiesel Board, I am writing to express appreciation and a vote of gratitude for the exceptional work of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures Division. This agency plays a critical role to ensure consumer confidence and business-to-business equity in the Oregon marketplace. Often, Oregon is an early adopter of new laws that encourage the use of renewable and sustainable products. Biodiesel is no exception, with a new law being implemented in 2013 for the use of B20 made from waste oils to receive a state excise credit of thirty cents per gallon.

In fact, there have been a number of occasions this past year when it was necessary for NBB to work with Oregon's Bureau of Weights and Measures in an effort to provide consumers with the information they need to make informed fuel purchase decisions. At the same time, the agency is careful to ensure businesses are not overly burdened to disclose information that may not be relevant to consumers or important in their decision making process.

Steven Harrington leads a dedicated team in their efforts to provide the citizens of Oregon an environment of commerce that is fair and equitable. The NBB technical team has worked with Mr. Harrington on biodiesel implementation and other fuel quality matters. He has a very good level of technical knowledge of biodiesel – one of the many products and industries for which he and his staff are responsible to regulate. In addition to working at the state level, NBB frequently works on new fuel policies, regulation and implementation with the Western Weights and Measures Association and the National Conference on Weights and Measures, where all states within the western region, and across the nation respectively come together to review current model language to determine whether there is a need to update, revise or remove recommended methods and procedures as new fuel products come online. Many states do not have a robust weights and measures program, and rely on the experience and expertise from other states that do, which positions Mr. Harrington and the staff at Oregon Weights and Measures as leaders among their peers and Oregon as a model state for fuel quality

regulation, enforcement and establishing appropriate communication and engagement with the industries it regulates.

It is a pleasure to work with Mr. Harrington and the Weights and Measures Division, and NBB looks forward to continuing our joint efforts to encourage the sustainable use and acceptance of biodiesel in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Richardson
Fuel Quality Manager

Cc: Katy Coda, Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture