



February 25, 2015

Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Vega Pederson and members of the Committee,

On behalf of King Estate Winery, we write to express our support for Senate Bill 324-A.

As the world's largest contiguous organic vineyard, we recognize the essential needs of sustaining an organic estate. We also have the largest solar array of any winery in the Pacific Northwest. Beginning with a better energy resource and respecting the complexities of the land, we work with the environment, rather than against it.

We believe the Clean Fuels Program benefits the environment by reducing air pollution. Clean fuels—including biofuels, electricity, propane and natural gas—are abundant and affordable, and this program will help expand their distribution infrastructure. This creates opportunity for local economic development, including in rural communities like ours in the Lorane Valley.

The Clean Fuels Program was authorized in 2009 but included a 2015 sunset date, which has created significant uncertainty and slowed investment in Oregon. Removing the 2015 sunset will send a signal that Oregon is open for business.

King Estate has worked to be a responsible steward of the land. We believe our transportation fuel providers, whom we work with, should also be responsible stewards and do their fair share to make cleaner fuels available.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed & Jodee King

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