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Dear Representative Vega Pederson and the House Committee on Energy and Environment:

As small business owners and innovators, we write today to express our strong support for Senate Bill 324.

It is vital that Oregon plan for our future. These plans include ensuring that our children and grandchildren have clean air and clean water, but also that we have a successful and prosperous economy to support those families. It should be clear that we – Oregon, the United States, and the world – are on the cusp of massive breakthroughs in our clean energy economy and Oregon should be considering how we can best capitalize on that movement.

Oregon's Clean Fuels Program provides a clear market signal that our state is ready to embrace the future of transportation fuels and invites and welcomes businesses that seek to produce or invest in clean fuel infrastructure to do so in our state. California and British Columbia already have similar successful programs and Washington is soon to follow. By reauthorizing Oregon's Clean Fuels Program, our state can join this Northwest regional corridor to lead in this sector and encourage businesses to turn to us for investments and expansion.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that every \$1 billion of trade deficit costs America 27,000 jobs. That means for every dollar we're spending on foreign oil, we're losing out on a chance to promote a clean, renewable, homegrown economy here. And in Oregon, we're currently sending between \$5 - \$8 billion out-of-state each year for oil.

We have an opportunity to change the equation and bring more local and regional jobs to Oregon and the West Coast. HydroStar USA and Onboard Dynamics are but a small example of the types of business innovation happening already – and part of the clean energy economy story that can sprout in Oregon.

Businesses seek to innovate, but we need the state to do its part as well. With consistent and supportive policy from Oregon, we can expand our clean energy economy in Oregon and continue to invest in development, production, and infrastructure that supports Oregonians' fuel choice, build out a clean energy

economy with local jobs, and support cleaner air for us all. We respectfully encourage you to vote YES on Senate Bill 324.

Sincerely,

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