

From the desk of Senator Sara Gelser

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Pacific Ethanol, Inc.

## Eastern Oregon Business Supports Yes Vote on SB 324

**"This policy balances economic and environmental benefits, will incentivize new opportunities and job creation in the state, and further establish Oregon as a national leader developing renewable energy alternatives.** The Port welcomes these [clean fuels] businesses and believes the CFP, which offers a long-term policy to guide Oregon's transportation future, will encourage more businesses to invest and create more jobs in the state." – Gary Neal, Port of Morrow, General Manager

**"The Clean Fuel Standard will support continued production at Boardman, construction of additional alternative fuel facilities and related businesses, and reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels in Oregon. There will be a clear economic gain for local communities and for the State as a whole."** – Tom Koehler, Co-Founder, Pacific Ethanol

**"We are happy to build a national footprint for our company by going to those regions where there is opportunity, but as an Oregon company, we would really like to see the benefits of this new industry also happen here in Oregon.** The growth of these biomass conversion facilities making advanced cellulosic fuels will usher in a tremendous secondary cultivation and harvest industry in rural America through their use of crop residues and purpose grown energy crops." – Bill Levy, CEO, Pacific Ag

**By growing Oregon's fuel production capabilities, the state will become a national leader in alternatives to imported petroleum.** GreenWood is proud to be a part of Oregon's emerging biofuels industry and encourages the state's full support implementing this [clean fuels] program. – Don Rice, Managing Director, GreenWood Resources

Biomass and bioenergy enterprises in the Boardman, Oregon area directly employ 260 people and indirectly support another 200 jobs. A commercial-scale advanced biofuel refinery could add 117 construction jobs and an additional 240 direct and indirect jobs.

**Lifting the sunset from the Clean Fuels Program would send a strong message that Oregon is fully commitment to continued rural bio-based enterprises. Failing to do so would be a rollback of that commitment and signal that business should look elsewhere to expand and invest.**

**We urge a yes vote on SB 324**