

Dear House and Senate Members –

Blue Star Gas has been in the business of marketing and distributing propane for forty years within the State of Oregon, and we oppose HB 2669 and SB 995.

First, our industry already complies with and reports under the existing Community Right to Know programs run by the State Fire Marshal. All the information within those reports are accessible to the public and other governmental agencies. Therefore, the reporting proposed under HB 2669 and SB 995 is redundant.

Second, HB 2669 and SB 995 is overly broad because it encompasses a fuel that is not an air, ground or water contaminant. Contaminates are the intended focus of these bills; however, propane is a clean fuel as designated by the federal government. Furthermore, in the event of an unintended release (and regardless if a propane tank is below ground), propane will release and dissipate into the atmosphere as a gas. Propane's boiling point is -44°F. Thus, while it is stored as a liquid, it immediately turns to vapor and dissipates when propane comes into contact with air. This means propane can never contaminate the air, and cannot contaminate the ground or water as it is never a liquid outside its storage tank.

Third, propane is comprised of carbon and hydrogen molecules. As a result, propane is already regulated by DEQ under the mandatory GHG emissions reporting obligations, and SB 995 is not needed for DEQ to further regulate GHG emissions.

Fourth, HB 2669's reporting imposition upon employers with an output of 1,000 pounds or more in hazardous substances places an onerous report obligation upon our customers. 1,000 pounds of propane is equivalent to a 250 gallon tank. This is a typical-sized tank for agriculture, commercial, and industry applications. A tremendously expensive and burdensome reporting obligation would be placed across several Oregon business sectors impacting thousands of of agriculture, commercial, and industrial businesses that use propane.

Please join our opposition to HB 2669 and SB 995.

Sincerely,

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