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Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol Building
900 Court St NE
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RE: HB 2072 –1

Dear House Members:

I am the Fuel Procurement Manager for Biomass One, L.P. Biomass One, L.P. is a 30 megawatt woody biomass fueled power plant located in White City, Oregon. Our company currently employs over 60 people.

The reason for this letter is that a piece of legislation is set to sunset at the end of this year that Biomass One, L.P. would very much prefer to see renewed. The Biomass Producer/Collector Tax Credit program, administered by the Oregon Department of Energy, provides a tax credit of \$10 per bone dry ton of woody biomass derived from forest or rangeland woody harvesting or thinning conducted to improve forest or rangeland ecological health and reduce uncharacteristic stand replacing wildfire risk.

We are one of the very few biofuel producers in the state of Oregon that utilizes a significant volume of woody biomass that is the byproduct of forest operations for electrical power generation. For the past few years, between 15% to over 20% (over 20,000 bone dry tons) of our purchased fuel comes from processed slash piles throughout southwest and central Oregon. A simple evaluation of the impact of the tax credit indicates that our fuel sourcing area increases by approximately 90 miles, not to mention having this material utilized and not open burned or left on-site to decompose.

I realize that the state of Oregon, like many other states throughout the U.S. finds itself in an era of fiscal uncertainty. That being said, Biomass One, L.P. and it's over 60 employees encourages you to find a way to extend this valuable program.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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