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Honorable Ken Helm, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-490S Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

We are writing to express our opposition to HB 3386-6, legislation authored by Representative Bentz that would amend the Oregon Clean Fuels Program. We appreciate your consideration of our views.

As you may know, the National Biodiesel Board (NBB) is the trade association for the U.S. biodiesel and renewable hydrocarbon diesel (RHD) industries. The NBB represents the entire domestic RHD industry and more than 90 percent of the domestic biodiesel industry. In Oregon, we are proud to represent SeSequential Biodiesel and Gorge Analytical.

Biodiesel offers many environmental benefits relative to petroleum diesel fuel. In addition to Greenhouse Gas reductions of 50-95%¹, biodiesel reduces numerous potential cancer causing pollutants such as particulate matter (50%), carbon monoxide (48%), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (50%)². According to a 2012 report³, particulate matter emissions alone are associated with 130,000 premature deaths in the U.S. annually. These pollutants also increase rates of asthma as well as acute and chronic bronchitis, particularly among young children.

In addition to significant impacts on air quality and public health, this legislation's destabilizing effect on the Clean Fuels Program would result in severe harm to Oregon-based businesses. Our members have made substantial investments based on the government's promise that fuels sold in Oregon will be able to participate in the Clean Fuels Program under a specific set of rules that passed the legislature and were signed into law by the governor. To amend these rules in a manner that strands investments would be incredibly unfair to the Oregon businesses and citizens who have made good faith efforts to ensure the success of the Clean Fuels Program. More broadly, passage of HB 3386 would send a chilling message to all businesses considering investing in the State of Oregon.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelby Neal".

Shelby Neal
Director of State Governmental Affairs

¹ <http://epa.gov/otaq/renewablefuels/420f10006.pdf>

² USEPA; A Comprehensive Analysis of Biodiesel Impacts on Exhaust Emissions; 2002;
<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/analysis/biodsl/p02001.pdf>

³ <http://www.epa.gov/blackcarbon/2012report/fullreport.pdf>