

HB 4126

February 14, 2018

House Energy and Environment Committee

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

Happy Valentine's Day! I am Joe Westby, Northwest Region Manager with Ferrellgas Propane. Ferrellgas owns **Blue Rhino**, America's #1 propane brand. We proudly run a national propane cylinder exchange program, where every tank is cleaned, leak-tested, and delivered to a retailer near you.

We are also proud to run a program called **Operation BBQ Relief**. The mission of Operation BBQ Relief is to provide compassion, offer hope and friendship to those whose lives have been affected by disasters across the United States through our expertise in cooking and catering barbecue meals.

We strongly believe that propane cylinders should be exempted from **HB 4126**. Please consider adopting such an amendment. Our industry doesn't need to be part of such a stewardship program, because Blue Rhino and our many competitors already offer ways to recycle propane cylinders. HB 4126 would just mess up a successful existing endeavor.

Thanks! I'll be happy to answer your questions.

Joe Westby

