

March 1, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

Re: Protect Oregon's Clean Fuels Program

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

We are writing to urge support for the Clean Fuels Program.

The Clean Fuels Program (CFP) compliments current legislative efforts to pass cap-and-trade by creating an incentive to reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector. Providing cleaner transportation fuels, including electricity, will help shrink Oregon's transportation-related carbon footprint. In 2017 alone, the CFP reduced 929,105 tons of greenhouse gases in the transportation sector, investing millions in cleaner fuels.

Oregon electric utilities are committed to leading the transition to zero-emission and lower carbon emitting vehicles. The Clean Fuels Program is a critical part of that transition, allowing us to monetize credits and develop programs that benefit our customers and expedite the transition to cleaner fuels.

As an industry, we have strong expectations that vehicle electrification will be good for consumers and the environment. Please hold the Clean Fuels Program harmless as you consider ways to implement a cap-and-trade system for Oregon.

Thank you.

