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Chair Vega Pederson and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment:

Imperium Renewables (IRI) supports SB324. IRI owns and operates Imperium Grays Harbor the largest biodiesel refinery on the West Coast, operating a nameplate production capacity of 100 million gallons per year.

Our company was founded with the goal of changing how we power our cars, trucks, ships, trains and planes by creating a fuel that would benefit air quality and decrease our nation's dependence on foreign petroleum.

Our company is a leader in biodiesel production, providing clean, renewable alternative fuels utilizing materials grown and produced right here in the Pacific Northwest. Our fuel exceeds ASTM, Canadian and European testing standards.

We are a company committed to using local feedstock sources whenever possible. Our "farmer to fuel pump" philosophy benefits the regional economy by keeping energy dollars within the communities we serve. We support rural economic development, which is still sorely needed.

Further, our fuel can be easily applied to vehicles today. The biodiesel we produce is a non-toxic, biodegradable, safe and commercially available advanced biofuel. Using biodiesel improves air quality by reducing harmful pollutants, such as the diesel soot that is particularly dangerous to hearts and lungs. Our proprietary production technology creates a higher quality fuel with a longer shelf life.

We seek to provide a renewable source of energy that will serve citizens today and future generations. We are just one of many companies who share in the collective goal to increase opportunities for our industry and employees so that we may increase fuel choice and stability for Oregon. By passing SB324, our company can further invest in research and development of advanced biofuels that help our local economy grow and improve air quality, providing for a cleaner, greener Oregon.

Sincerely,

Todd Ellis

Vice President Imperium Renewables