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Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas and Columbia Biogas Urge a "Yes" Vote on SB 324

Oregon's Clean Fuels Program is an innovative, market-based strategy to ensure that Oregon consumers are able to purchase ever-cleaner fuels over time and provide competition in the fuels market that will drive fuel prices down. By lifting the sunset on this important program through SB 324, the Oregon Legislature will open the floodgates for new clean fuel investments in Oregon, including investments in renewable natural gas (RNG).

Molecularly, RNG is the same substance as fossil-fuel natural gas. But RNG is made out of decomposing organic waste, while conventional natural gas is derived from fossil fuels. Fossil-fuel natural gas is lower-carbon than gasoline and will benefit from the Clean Fuels Program. RNG will benefit even more because it can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 88%.

Right here in Oregon, landfill gas in Medford is being turned into biogas to power garbage trucks. And in Portland, Columbia Biogas is planning to construct an innovative biogas production facility that will create biogas for multiple purposes, including transportation.

We urge you to lift the sunset on the Clean Fuels Program so that investors have the confidence to invest in innovative biogas facilities and other clean fuels that meet people's transportation needs with a lighter environmental footprint.

Sincerely,

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