

SB 324



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnson".

From the desk of
Mark Johnson

Oregon Agriculture Requests Your Opposition to SB 324 A, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard

SB 324 A will increase the cost of fuels for Oregon's family farmers and consumers.

SB 324 A would lift the 2015 sunset from the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) and implement an unworkable program. By mandating the blending of biofuels in short supply, the LCFS would require fuel providers to purchase credits in a cap-and-trade system for fuels--driving up the cost of agricultural production in Oregon.

Oregon's farmers and ranchers operate on a tight margin and are highly sensitive to changes in the price of fuel. It takes significant energy investments to produce food and fiber, and these costs cannot be passed to the consumer. The projected increased cost in fuel will make it more difficult for Oregon farmers to compete on a global market.

U.S. EPA and Oregon have already adopted a renewable fuels standard, requiring the blending of ethanol into the fuel supply. Oregon leads the nation with this policy and has one of the lowest per-capita emissions rates in the country. The LCFS is redundant and will not provide a measurable environmental benefit to Oregonians.

SB 324 A will inevitably increase transportation costs and will significantly impact Oregon's farmers and ranchers.

**OPPOSE the LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD by
VOTING "NO" ON SB 324 A**