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House Energy and Environment Committee

**RE: Amendment to HB 4126 (Household Hazardous Waste)**

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

For the record, I am Lana Butterfield, Oregon lobbyist for the Pacific Propane Gas Association (PPGA). We are working with one of the main sponsors of HB 4126 regarding household hazardous waste, on an amendment to exempt propane grill cylinders.

California has a similar program, and that law exempts propane cylinders. I asked the California association executive about it. She said the California legislature agreed that there are propane companies in every county in California — and you can also leave them at any cylinder exchange cage — so it was unnecessary to make these propane cylinders part of another special program. The people who want to dispose of them can go to a propane marketer.”

That’s true in Oregon as well, so the same factors apply here. Three companies in Oregon, two of them big national chains and one regional, run a **propane cylinder exchange program** located at Oregon area stores such as Lowes, Home Depot, Ace Hardware, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, Walgreens, Bi-Mart, etc. or at their own locations. You can also take your cylinder to one of many propane marketers around the state. Propane is sold extensively in rural areas. So, whether urban or rural, you can easily find a place to recycle your propane cylinder around the state.

This is a discreet product in that not everyone owns a propane barbeque grill. A system is already in place for those who do to recycle the containers. It has been working well. It’s not necessary for us to get caught up in a legislative solution that won’t work for our very competitive industry when we already have one in place.

We ask for your favorable consideration on our amendment to exempt propane cylinders.

Thank you!

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