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To: The Honorable Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair
Members, House Energy and Environment Committee

From: Tim Shestek
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Re: HB 3415 – OPPOSE
Set for Hearing April 7, 2015

On behalf of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), I am writing to express opposition to HB 3415, legislation that would impose a 10 year moratorium on hydraulic fracturing activities in the state of Oregon. As you may know, American chemistry relies on abundant, affordable natural gas as a source of energy and as a raw material, or “feedstock,” for countless chemical products.

To meet our nation’s economic and environmental goals, ACC supports a comprehensive energy strategy that promotes and develops all of America’s own energy resources—conventional and shale natural gas, oil, wind, nuclear, solar, etc.—while also promoting energy efficiency and alternative sources, such as energy recovery.

Production of known natural gas reserves within the U.S. represents the best prospect of generating the reliable and affordable gas supply essential for maintaining the competitiveness of the American chemical industry. ACC members therefore have a strong interest in ensuring that access to natural gas reserves through hydraulic fracturing is not unnecessarily restricted.

ACC supports state regulatory oversight of hydraulic fracturing activities to ensure that appropriate public health and environmental protections are in place. Our member companies are also committed to transparency regarding the disclosure of the chemical ingredients of hydraulic fracturing solutions, subject to the protection of proprietary information. However, ACC believes that imposing an outright prohibition on these operations is not warranted. Continued access to domestic energy sources is important for a variety of manufacturing sectors and for consumers. Economic recovery and growth require adequate supplies of reliable, affordable energy.

For these reasons, ACC is opposed to HB 3415. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 916-448-2581 or via email at Tim_Shestek@americanchemistry.com. Thank you in advance for considering our comments.

