

February 7th, 2018

To Whom it May Concern:

Subject: HB 4001, SB 1507

I would like to speak with you today concerning The Clean Energy Jobs Bill. As a personal story I would like to tell you about my son John Plaza who gave up a Professional Pilot's career with Northwest Airlines to begin building a small biodiesel plant in Seattle. In 2004 with a small investment he started Seattle Biodiesel. This business was then built up into a large biodiesel manufacturing plant in Grays Harbor Washington. From the years 2004-2015 when he then sold the business to Renewable Energy Group, a multitude of significant benefits have occurred. The possibilities for an entrepreneur to create clean energy jobs and help combat climate change by cutting greenhouse gases is what SB 1507 and HB 1507 hopes to accomplish and I hope you will support these bills.

Here some key points to consider based upon what I witnessed with my son's business:

- 50 jobs were created in a rural economically depressed area in Washington State. These jobs paid an average annual salary of \$48,000 which included both a health care plan and a 401K retirement plan.
- There was approximately \$6 million dollars in both direct and indirect contributions to the local Grays Harbor economy. This included employee payroll, local taxes, Port fees and financial support to local businesses.
- For the State of Washington approximately \$50 million dollars were contributed in both direct and indirect economic benefits.
- Between the years 2004-2015 approximately 4 billion pounds of Co2 was prevented from the reaching the atmosphere. That is over 400,000 cars being removed from the roads on a global scale as the biodiesel from Grays Harbor was sold both domestically and internationally.
- Presently my son who lives in Seattle is now working with Agrisoma, a company that is on the cutting edge to provide a non-food crop which can be converted to bio-jet fuel. You will find this media release informative and showing great potential for Oregon farmers. If nothing else please look at this video from Qantas:
- <https://vimeo.com/251621790/4294e7dc27>