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Rep. Ken Helm, Chair  
House Energy and Environment Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H-490  
Salem, OR 97301

**Support for HB 2857  
Small-Scale Community-Based Renewable Energy**

Dear Sirs:

Finley BioEnergy urges the House Energy and Environment Committee to pass House Bill 2857. Passage of this bill will enable our industry to continue to produce small-scale community-based renewable electricity from biogas generated at landfills and dairies here in Oregon and will also cause the development of additional projects. Without passage of HB 2857, many of the existing small-scale renewable energy biogas projects located in Oregon will close when their existing power purchase agreements expire.

Finley BioEnergy is a developer and operator of small-scale community-based renewable electricity biogas power plants in Oregon. Our Finley Buttes Landfill Gas Power Plant, located in Boardman, generates 4.8 MW of renewable electricity from municipal solid waste that is generated by the citizens of Oregon/Washington and currently provides renewable electricity to more than 3500 PacifiCorp customers in Oregon. The Threemile Canyon Farm Power Plant that we helped to develop and operate produces 4.8 MW of renewable electricity from dairy manure.

It was only because of Oregon's first renewable portfolio standard which was passed in 2007 that we were able to develop these projects. Some of the benefits of these projects include:

- Turning municipal solid waste (MSW) generated by Oregonians into electricity.
- Capture of more than 1 million tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Emissions from dairy manure and MSW.
- Provision of 10+ full-time jobs that are located in Oregon and are each capable of supporting a family.
- Payment of more than \$1.5 million dollars in state, county and school property taxes.

None of these benefits would be able to be achieved by a large solar farm operating in another state.

Under PGE and PacifiCorp's current rate structures for Qualifying Facilities (QF) under PURPA almost all of the renewable electricity generating biogas projects operating at Oregon's landfills and dairies will close when their power purchase agreements expire in the next few years. All of the benefits that have been able to be achieved by our industry for PGE and PacifiCorp customers here in Oregon will end.

HB 2857 will enable us to continue to operate and develop additional small-scale community-based renewable electricity projects in Oregon which will be of great benefit to the PGE and PacifiCorp customers living here in Oregon. We urge you to pass House Bill 2857.

Sincerely,  
**Finley BioEnergy LLC**

**Gerald Friesen P.E.**  
**Managing Member**