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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3229

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Bobby Levy and Emerson Levy, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to offer my thoughts on HB3229, which modifies the federal operating permit program fees and removes certain elements of the fee schedule. As a policy advocate for environmental issues, I have studied this bill with great care and attention.

While I recognize the importance of ensuring that businesses pay appropriate fees to support environmental programs, I believe that there may be potential consequences to removing certain elements of the fee schedule. At the same time, I appreciate the provision that allows for the Environmental Quality Commission to annually adjust fees by no more than three percent, as this may help to ensure that the program remains adequately funded.

Given these considerations, I am neither strongly in favor nor opposed to HB3229 at this time. I would encourage further study and discussion to better understand the potential impacts of this legislation on businesses, the environment, and the community as a whole.