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Doreen Harris, Co-Chair, Climate Action Council
President and CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Basil Seggos, Co-Chair, Climate Action Council
Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

RE: Support for Clean Fuel Standard in Climate Action Council Draft Scoping Plan

Dear Co-Chair Harris, Co-Chair Seggos, and Members of the Council:

I am writing on behalf of Oberon Fuels, Inc to thank the Climate Action Council for including a Clean Fuel Standard (CFS) in the draft scoping plan. Oberon Fuels (Oberon) is an innovative company that has focused for over ten years on dimethyl ether (DME) transportation fuel made from renewable biomass including biomethane from agricultural operations. Renewable DME may be blended into propane to reduce its carbon intensity or as a hydrogen carrier.

As Oberon continues to build DME production capacity and to create market demand, the company is looking for opportunities to convert local waste streams, such as dairy manure, into low-carbon or carbon-negative DME and create local, family-wage, clean energy jobs. Because of New York's significant dairy industry, the company has begun evaluating DME production in the state. A Clean Fuel Standard would positively impact the project opportunities in New York and enable the regions where the feedstock is located to benefit from the emissions reductions of local DME consumption as well as the creation of local, family-wage, clean energy jobs. This can positively impact farmers, rural job creation, and local air emissions while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We urge you to strongly endorse a Clean Fuel Standard in the Transportation Sector Strategies section of the final scoping plan. We look forward to continuing to work with the state and its local entities to evaluate the opportunity to reduce emissions, create low-carbon or carbon-negative fuels, and create good-paying jobs. Please do not hesitate to contact me at david.mann@oberonfuels.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Mann".

David Mann
VP, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs