

December 8, 2023

The Honorable Tara Lujan
New Mexico House of Representatives
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Representative Lujan,

I am writing on behalf of Oberon Fuels to express strong support for a New Mexico Clean Fuel Standard.

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.

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 Mexico's significant dairy industry, the company has begun evaluating DME production in New Mexico. Oberon employs a Manager of Feedstock Development in Belen, New Mexico who is focused on local projects.

A New Mexico Clean Fuel Standard would positively impact the project opportunities in New Mexico 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. We know from our experience in California the power of a Clean Fuel Standard to create a market signal that is well understood by the investment community and that can drive capital formation and project deployment.

We look forward to continuing to work with the state of New Mexico 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 or 858-867-3591 if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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

David Mann
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