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NBB Commends Connecticut's Clean Energy Commitment

Jefferson City, MO—Smog ruins a scene, but with Connecticut's new renewable fuel requirement skies are sure to be postcard-ready.

The National Biodiesel Board applauds clear sky, clean air and renewable energy champions for the latest state requirement supporting sustainable biodiesel.

"Connecticut's commitment to secure access to clean energy is a shining example of strong partnerships at work to support renewable energy and heating alternatives," said **Joe Jobe**, National Biodiesel Board CEO.

"With this step forward, America's only fully commercialized advanced biofuel will be at work to reduce emissions and replace more than one hundred million gallons of fossil fuel in the state annually."

The National Biodiesel Board, headquartered in Jefferson City, MO, thanks member Greenleaf Biofuels and stakeholders for their role in this effort.

Connecticut Governor **Jodi Rell** signed the bill Friday after local biodiesel producers and the **Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association (ICPA)** joined efforts to support clean energy in the state.

The legislation lowers the sulfur content of heating oil and creates a renewable fuel standard.

"The clean energy power of this legislation is decisively clear when you consider Connecticut uses upwards of 600 million gallons of home heating oil every year," said **Gus Kellogg**, Greenleaf Biofuels, LLC and Connecticut Biodiesel Association.

"The Connecticut biodiesel industry stands ready to meet the growing requirements for this cleaner burning fuel in home heating systems.

"We are a young and growing industry in this state providing new green collar jobs in manufacturing, engineering, research and development, logistics and professional management."

"Bioheat will secure a cleaner burning future for home heating oil in New England," said ICPA's **Gene Guilford**.

"ICPA is proud of the joint effort to secure renewable fuel's place in our long term energy strategy."

Neighboring Massachusetts has similar legislation supporting Bioheat home heating oil.

Connecticut's bill will be effective when New York and Rhode Island also have a renewable fuels standard in place for home heating oil.