

**COMMENTS
OF
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Thank you, Chairman Brubaker, for this opportunity to share with you and your Committee our mutual interests in supporting Pennsylvania agriculture.

I am Ruth B. Dietz. Since 1970 I have been the Owner and CEO of J.P. Donmoyer, Inc., a dry-bulk tank motor carrier with terminals in Ono, York, Belfonte and Key Mar, Maryland. Our employees, many of whom are my neighbors, haul primarily lime and limestone products throughout the eastern U.S. Most of that lime is from Lebanon and is used in essential services such as water and sewer plants, power plants, mills, and farms.

We feature our patented Bulk Inventories Network (BINS) which allows us to completely manage our customers' inventories. And I am proud to state that we are a 24/365 just-in-time operation with an on-time delivery record of 99 percent.

However, before I continue, I want to thank my State Senator, Mike Folmer, for suggesting I be here today. Senator Folmer

has visited our Ono Corporate Headquarters and witnessed our operations and technologies. We are extremely encouraged with his understanding and support of the need to use cleaner burning biofuels in Pennsylvania. And we are extremely pleased for his support as we move forward with our plan to help establish a publicly accessible biofuel dispensing facility at our Ono location which is accessible to major highways and two interstates.

However, I would be amiss if I did not also recognize the agriculture industry leadership we have received from Senators Mike Waugh and Michael O'Pake and Representatives Art Hershey and Pete Daley. And I especially want to note the support of Secretary Dennis Wolff and his Executive Assistant Mike Pechart. All of these fine folks have been extremely helpful to me and my management team as we continue to move towards our mutual goals.

J.P. Donmoyer has been deeply involved in the development and deployment of motor carrier computerized efficiency and safety technologies. We have also participated in motor carrier fuels development for more than ten years, and have always been advocates of alternative, clean and secure transportation fuels. We've also have participated in many working groups and task forces.

Our long-term goals are simple. First, we strongly support state or federal mandates for minimum use of alternative fuels by motor carriers. Second, we support financial incentives that would be available for all motor carriers. Third, like you, we believe that as we reinvent our fuels it is critical that they be clean and locally produced.

We also understand that transportation and heavy-duty trucks are our bread and butter. However, while we understand that

they are essential to our quality of life and Pennsylvania, and for that matter, our nation's commerce, we also know that high-mileage, high-fuel-use vehicles emit particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, and other pollutants at levels much higher than the emissions levels of light-duty vehicles.

Heavy-duty fleets that use alternative fuels in their vehicles can make a huge difference in our nation's air quality and energy security. That is why we have spent several months designing a project that encompasses this idea and benefits Pennsylvania's farmers.

J.P. Donmoyer has always been an advocate for the development and commercialization of these new fuels. We realize that one of the key barriers faced by fleets or others interested in using any America fuel is limited locations to buy it. Thus, it is our intent to convert part of our existing refueling infrastructure and/or to install new infrastructure to store and dispense biodiesel and/or E85 so that others will have access and convenience to clean burning fuels.

To this end, I cannot understate why all of us need to make this new energy economy a reality beginning immediately.

While we are in the process of securing funding to make our goal a reality, we are determined that it WILL happen. With or without grant money, we stand by our decision to make biodiesel and E85 available to fleets and the public. We had hoped to have had his operation up and running by July 1, 2007 but have not been successful in securing available grant monies. However, we will persevere and we are hopeful it will happen by the end of this year.

Let me repeat. We are committed to our goal of operating a public biodiesel refueling operation in south central Pennsylvania, and we are available to discuss in detail our plans and the numbers with any of our interested neighbors or members of this Committee.

As the CEO of J.P. Donmoyer Inc., I am well aware of the many people our services effect everyday. If our deliveries are not made chances are people won't work and common necessities will be missed. That is why I have committed J. P. Donmoyer Inc., to our mutual goals.

To this end, we are fully committed to our project, and look forward to the time when our dream of a public fueling facility becomes a reality and Pennsylvania's energy future moves forward with greater public access to clean, alternative fuels such as biodiesel and ethanol.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today. I look forward to working with all of you as we work together to make cleaner burning, locally produced alternative fuels available to government vehicles and school buses in Pennsylvania and to other fleets who pass through the state.