

January 26, 2022

Secretary James Kenney
New Mexico Environment Department
PO Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Secretary Kenney,

I am writing on behalf of Oberon Fuels to express strong support for the New Mexico Senate Bill 14 (SB14), the Clean Fuel Standard Act.

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. Despite Oberon's production model of local feedstock, local production, and local consumption, New Mexico's lack of a Clean Fuel Standard or other incentive structure make it difficult to justify in-state consumption of the end-product. The proposed Clean Fuel Standard Act 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 wholeheartedly support SB14 and 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Boudreaux".

Rebecca Boudreaux, Ph.D.
President and CEO, Oberon Fuels

