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Environment Committee  
State of Connecticut

Subject: **RAISED BILL NO. 382  
AN ACT REQUIRING BIODIESEL BLENDED HEATING  
OIL AND LOWERING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF  
HEATING OIL SOLD IN THE STATE.**

Good morning

I would like to thank the chairmen and the committee for allowing me to testify today in favor of SB 382.

My name is Karl W. Radune. I have been a biodiesel enthusiast, since I made my first 1 liter batch, about eight years ago. I am now a member of the Connecticut Biodiesel/Bioheat Association and a voting member of the National Biodiesel Board.

I am speaking here today because I am also the President of BioDiesel One, Ltd.; a producer of B-100 biodiesel fuel, located in Southington Connecticut.

We manufacture biodiesel from used cooking oil (yellow grease). We purchase yellow grease collected within the state whenever possible and sell the biodiesel to Connecticut fuel distributors. Our fuel is primarily used in the home heating market. BioDiesel One, Ltd. follows a sustainable business model.

SB 382 is good for the people of Connecticut. This bill will result in significant reductions in air pollutants that cause asthma, cancer, and global warming. This bill will create private sector (Green Collar) jobs in a new emerging Connecticut industry.

SB 382 is good for the Connecticut biodiesel industry. Passage of this bill will identify in state production targets. This in turn will provide the incentive for new and existing producers, like BioDiesel One, Ltd., to expand capacity, to invest in new facilities, and to hire more employees.

Passage of SB 382 will give some confidence to lending institutions to invest in small businesses that represent the biodiesel industry. SB 382 is a jobs stimulus bill that will work.

Thank you for your time. Does the committee have any questions?