

SUZANNE WEBER
STATE SENATOR
SENATE DISTRICT 16



January 9, 2024

Dear Columbia County Commissioners,

It is my honor to represent the people of Columbia County in the Oregon Senate. Today, I want to express my support for NEXT Renewable Fuel's efforts to build a renewable diesel production facility at the Port of Columbia County's Port Westward site.

The NEXT facility is zoned properly and your decisions this month will allow for the required transportation for the site, which will create a mutually beneficial public/private partnership, creating numerous transportation opportunities through land and road improvements.

NEXT's work in Columbia County will breathe new life into the economic lungs of the entire State of Oregon. Massive capital investment will create thousands of new jobs in the heart of Columbia County.

This facility will bring millions of revenue for Columbia County's government and small districts, not to mention the millions of dollars to local businesses that will come from NEXT employee's patronage.

Columbia County has an incredible opportunity to partner with NEXT Renewable Fuel. This is truly a win-win proposition and I encourage you to approve it without delay.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Weber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Suzanne Weber
Oregon Senate District 16