



FUELING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Re: A. 07906, Expanding Bioheat Standards in New York State

Dear Governor Cuomo:

United Metro Energy Corp. (UMEC) is the largest petroleum storage operator and distributor in the metropolitan area, employing approximately 200 people throughout its Riverhead, Long Island and Brooklyn terminals. United Metro supplies and delivers gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD), biodiesel, bioheat, heating oil, and natural gas to the New York City metropolitan area. We also own and operate a fleet of 55 trucks—the largest owned and operated fleet in the region.

We serve as a key example of biodiesel's success in New York City—and its potential statewide. We are now in the final stages of completing one of the largest advanced biodiesel production facilities in North America, with a production capacity of 110 million gallons per year. Once complete, the plant will be capable of producing a steady in-state supply of biodiesel from the widest range of sustainable, high-energy-balance feedstocks that include domestically grown soy, canola and many more. This plant will provide the region with much needed fuel independence, security and job growth.

UMEC urges you to sign the environmental conservation law in relation to bioheating fuel requirements in New York State (A.07906) which passed with overwhelming support in both the New York State Assembly and Senate, along with support in the environmental community, heating oil industry and biodiesel industry. This proposed legislation would require that on or after October 1, 2014, all heating oil sold in certain downstate counties contain at least 2% biodiesel; and that by July 2, 2015 all heating oil sold statewide would need to meet the aforementioned 2% standard.

Biodiesel is a non-toxic, renewable and biodegradable fuel source made from agricultural byproducts and recycled waste sources. It is the only alternative fuel to have fully completed the health effects testing requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

In addition, a bioheat uniform fuel standard would promote investment in the heating oil industry, reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil and increase the number of green collar jobs and overall opportunity in New York State—at no additional cost to consumers. In fact, since New York City passed similar local legislation in October of 2012, B2 bioheat has become less expensive over the last two heating seasons.

Given biodiesel's many benefits, UMEC strongly supports A.07906 and urges your support on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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United Metro Energy Corp.