

Good afternoon. My name is Chris Leboeuf and I am the owner of Falmouth Energy. My business is a small retail fuel and service company located in Falmouth Massachusetts and serves customers in Barnstable and Plymouth Counties.

I am very excited that the state of Massachusetts is looking to advance the use of biofuels at the consumer level. I believe these regulations have the potential to make a significant impact on the use of biofuels and the subsequent environmental benefits that will result. Falmouth Energy has been at the forefront of reducing our customers environmental impact for many years. In 2012 we started a division to provide our residential and small commercial customers with solar pv and solar thermal installations. Through this process we have worked closely with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the DOER to bring dozens of small solar projects to fruition. Our experiences have shown us the tremendous value that state incentives can have in advancing the adoption of renewable energy sources.

As a small residential fuel supplier I want to make sure that the program will allow all dealers large and small to have the opportunity to participate. I believe the current program guidelines will make it difficult for many smaller suppliers in two areas. The first is a blend of B20. Although we would all like to be at this ratio currently, reality is that this blend is not readily available for small retailers. The other area I am concerned about is the administrative burden. A streamlined and automated process will go along way to reducing this burden.

Again, I applaud the State's effort to increase the use of liquid biofuels and look forward to seeing a program that will allow all retail fuel suppliers the opportunity to participate.

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