

NY & NE Execs,

In anticipation of our upcoming 1 PM Monday meeting with our smaller group, we want to clearly articulate the situation in which our industry now finds itself and why it is imperative to combat these challenges as a united front.

We are convinced the radical, environmental Left is attempting to take control of local and state governments across the country like never before. Their goal: to gain political power as quickly as possible, and to influence via GHG (Green House Gas) policies in regulating markets, even if their policy does not reduce GHG.

They derive their political strength from an uninformed public who believes the solution to combatting climate change requires the elimination of our fuel products from the economy. And they seek immediate political gain by advancing electrification above all current forms of energy, including heating oil.

Environmental groups, utilities and radical progressives have coordinated their efforts to enact energy policy at all levels of government. The changes our industry can expect include punitive taxes, crippling regulations, and restrictive building code modifications, while “clean energies,” such as electricity, will be rewarded with tax breaks, credits and incentives to aggressively destroy the businesses we built.

With the help of Kearney Consulting, we’ve determined our best hope to survive the coming attack is to convince policymakers and legislators that our fuel can get greener quickly and affordably. Through the use of biodiesel and other liquid renewable heating fuels like Ethyl Levulinate, which will actually achieve the carbon reduction goals the public demands. That was the foundation of the Providence Resolution.

To convince policymakers nationally, regionally, and in your state, collectively we will need to pay lobbyists, support candidates, and roll out a compelling public education campaign. To get them to realize we are part of the solution, not part of the problem, will require far more financial resources than any of us has today, and we’re working with Kearney right now to determine the proper funding level.

Our goal is to secure funding for each state to defeat unfair legislation, regulation, and electrification subsidies, while promoting the liquid deliverable fuel industry as a market-ready solution. NEFI needs to carry the fight on the federal and regional level, particularly working to secure the fair carbon scoring system needed to position our renewable product as a valuable component in a diverse and resilient energy mix for the nation.

To be abundantly clear, the funding we envision is not a tax, we are not proposing that we ask government’s approval for any of this, and every dollar would go to the associations we all trust to protect our industry. We all cannot succeed without significant increases in resources.

We are fully committed to preserving the delivered heating fuel industry, and to creating a path forward in a low carbon future where we can thrive and regain market share. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to secure the financial resources necessary to prevail.

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