## Support of SB 2179

Chairman Weber and members of the Senate Finance and Tax committee. I am Paul Thomas, Senator from District 6. I am here today to introduce and ask your support for SB 2179.

SB 2179 modifies the allocation of revenue from inspection fees from the state general fund to the department of environmental quality operating fund. The fuel sampling and testing program at the state level is a very crucial piece of the retail gas industry for petroleum marketers and consumers alike. The testing assures retailers are selling what they say they are selling, and consumers are getting the product they are looking to purchase. Retailers want to be assured the fuel products they are selling meet the specs they are advertising and may be set by the state and consumers want to be assured they are getting what they are paying for.

Thanks for considering your support for SB 2179.

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