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Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group Represents the Need for In-State Incentives for Biodiesel Production in Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa. – Ben Wootton, one of the founding members of the Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group (PABPG) was invited to speak at today's Pennsylvania House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee public hearing at the North York Borough Municipal Building in York, PA. The purpose of the hearing was to solicit testimony on House Bill 1200, sponsored by Representative Eugene DePasquale.

The PABPG applauds the legislature and the administration for a wide-ranging, bipartisan commitment to addressing Pennsylvania's energy future and is impressed with the vision proposed by the Energy Independence Strategy and House Bill 1200. But, the during the hearing Mr. Wootton made it clear that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will loose an enormous in-state economic development and new job potential unless there is an established in-state production incentive for biodiesel.

"Biodiesel is the technology of today," said Wootton, president of Keystone BioFuels of Shiremanstown near Harrisburg. "However, 80% of the biodiesel consumed in Pennsylvania today is not coming from Pennsylvania, but from out-of-state sources."

Biodiesel companies, such as PABPG members; Keystone BioFuels in Shiremanstown, United Oil Company in Pittsburgh, and United BioFuels in York, have grown in 2007 thanks to private investments. However, producers are only operating 10% of their full capacity, because out-of-state biodiesel producers are shipping their product into Pennsylvania at a cheaper cost than Pennsylvania's own producers can achieve.

"Imagine the impact if we could enhance Pennsylvania agriculture, reduce air pollution, strengthen our economy, and achieve true energy independence," said Wootton. "Fully operational biodiesel producers are ready to serve our state's needs."

For more information on the Public Policy of the Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group, please contact Ben Wootton at 717-791-3511 or via email to ben.wootton@keystonebiofuels.com or visit www.PABPG.org.

NOTE: A one-page summary outlining the public policy positions of the PABPG is available for media upon request or on www.PABPG.org.

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About the Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group:

The Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group (PABPG) is a trade organization formed to serve as a unified voice of advocacy on behalf of in-state biodiesel producers across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The PABPG serves as a clearinghouse for information regarding the business, environmental, and energy policy benefits of biodiesel and the critical role that biodiesel plays in the future of Pennsylvania's energy strategy.

The PABPG's founding members include the following biodiesel companies:

- United Biofuels – York
- Keystone BioFuels – Shiremanstown
- Soy Energy – New Oxford
- United BioDiesel – Pittsburgh
- Biodiesel of Pennsylvania – White Deer
- Middletown BioFUels - Blairsville