

## Resolution to Advance Waste Vegetable Oil as a Renewable Energy Source

**WHEREAS** waste vegetable oil (WVO) has a certain value which can be utilized to increase our national energy security by reducing the need for imported petroleum;

**WHEREAS** millions of gallons of WVO are available in Washington State annually;

**WHEREAS** municipalities with wastewater treatment facilities struggle with maintenance costs related to keeping gauges, valves and pipes in treatment plants and the sewer system clear;

**WHEREAS** diverting this material and using it for beneficial purposes such as making it available to petroleum and bio-oil refineries would facilitate biofuel production and increase availability to consumers;

**WHEREAS** support of this renewable resource would provide a governing effect and help create a stronger market-based floor for biofuels;

**WHEREAS** the utmost importance when looking at creating policy is to minimize the effect of price volatility; not only for the consumers and end users, but also for the producers of commodities;

**WHEREAS** the cooking process has altered WVO so that the omega-3 fatty acids have been destroyed and WVO with a fatty-acid content less than eight percent has very little value as a feedstock;

**WHEREAS** improving water and air quality are important for the continued well-being of many residents of Washington State including the health of spawning beds for salmon and other living life forms;

**WHEREAS** creating new employment opportunities in the collection of this renewable resource can enhance economies by providing jobs in processing, transesterification, distribution and sales of biofuel derived from WVO;

**WHEREAS** the current list of eligible biomass needs to be expanded in the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 with the inclusion of WVO;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee vigorously encourage the Washington State Congressional Delegation to actively support and advance language in the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 to include waste vegetable oil; and

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44 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic  
45 Central Committee urge the Washington State Congressional Delegation to include  
46 waste vegetable oil with a fatty-acid content of less than eight percent as an amendment  
47 to the list of eligible biomass materials in TITLE 1-CLEAN ENERGY, Subtitle A-  
48 Renewable Electricity Standard, Section 610 of the Federal Renewable Electricity  
49 Standard, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

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52 Submitted by the Agriculture and Rural Caucus to the Washington State Democratic  
53 Central Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.  
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56 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at  
57 its September 25, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.

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59 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla  
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