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**ATTENTION EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE**

To: All Local 455 Members

Subject: Legislation against our customer, Flint Hills Resources

There is legislation that is going to be introduced in the "Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications Committee" on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 that would in essence ban Canadian crude oil from Minnesota refineries. It is called the California Law Carbon Fuel Standard.

If this legislation passes, expansion of Flint Hills **WILL BE OVER.** This would cost us 100's of jobs, and increasing our unemployment list.

**" Please call your legislators now before January 20<sup>th</sup>! Your future is in Jeopardy!**

**Message to your legislator:**

I live in your district and my lively hood, Pensions and Health & Welfare depend on good quality companies like Flint Hills employing us. I am opposed to passing legislation that imposes California rules and low carbon fuel standards on us and our Minnesota companies. We have high unemployment and this legislation would cost more good paying jobs.

Flint Hills is using Canadian crude at the present time and ranks 7<sup>th</sup> for lowest air emissions per barrel among the 50 largest refineries in the U.S.A. The legislation has already caused some work to be put on hold in Minnesota including pipeline work and refinery expansions. It also has held up the job in Superior, WI. This will cause more unemployment when we can ill afford any more loss of jobs and tax revenue for the state of Minnesota.

I urge you to listen to the industry experts, reflect carefully and **Vote No** on the "California Low Carbon Fuel Standards."

**Committee Members:**

Chair: Senator Prettuer Solon- District 7, Duluth  
Vice Chair: Senator Doll- District 40, Burnsville  
Minority Lead: Senator Rosen- District 24, Fairmount  
Senator Ellen Anderson- District 66, St. Paul (Como)  
Senator Carlson- District 38, Egan  
Senator Dibble- District 60, Minneapolis  
Senator Jungbauer- District 48, East Bethel  
Senator Koch- District 19, Buffalo

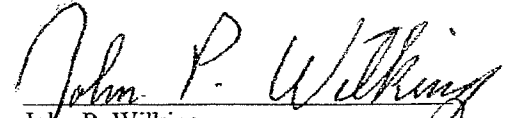
Senator Olseen- District 17, North Branch, Chisago, Harris  
Senator Rest- District 45, New Hope  
Senator Rummel- District 53, White Bear Lake  
Senator Senjem- District 29, Rochester  
Senator Sheran- District 23, Mankato  
Senator Sparks- District 27, Austin  
Senator Vandevveer- District 52, Forest Lake

If your Senator is not on the committee, we still need you to call your State Representative and Senator, to urge these Senators to end this legislation. Please see attached sheet for more information. Thank you.

In Solidarity,

  
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