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## **MA Oilheat Council Endorses BioHeat® Mandate**

### ***When it Comes to Increasing the Use of Renewable Fuels and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Oil Heat is Leading the Way, Bay State Home Heating Oil Dealers Say***

February 26, 2008 (Waltham, MA) – An organization representing Massachusetts home heating oil dealers threw their support behind legislation that would increase the amount of renewable resources blended with traditional home heating oil today, calling the measure a “good first step” in reducing America’s dependence on foreign oil and reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels.

“Oil heat has been going green for years with the industry squarely behind cleaner-burning fuels and highly efficient equipment,” Massachusetts Oilheat Council President Michael Ferrante said, “and no other home energy source has done as much to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This legislation will help us bring our BioHeat® products to a much broader segment of the market, and help us reduce further enhance the environment.”

Ferrante made his remarks at a meeting of the Council’s Board of Directors at the Westin Hotel in Waltham, Massachusetts.

BioHeat®, also know as biofuel or biodiesel is a blend of traditional home heating oil and renewable oils from soy or other sources, many of which are domestically produced.

Legislation put forward by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick would require all home heating oil to include at least a 2 percent blend of biodiesel by 2010.

Ferrante praised the governor’s proposal, and said Massachusetts oil retailers and wholesalers have been leaders in reducing the state’s carbon footprint.

“Two percent is a good start,” Ferrante said, “but we think we can do better as more infrastructure comes on line to support the distribution of BioHeat® products. Our industry’s goal is make a notable contribution in reducing America’s dependence on foreign energy sources, whether it is natural gas from Russia or oil from the Middle East, and ensure that the environment is sound for future generations. BioHeat® is just one of the ways that we are going to do that.”

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