



OFFICE OF MAYOR SAM ADAMS  
CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter updating me on Columbia Biogas's decision to pursue a strictly private approach to financing your facility. My staff and I have been thoroughly impressed with the Columbia Biogas project which we believe is a big step forward not only for Portland but also the nation.

As you know, Portland is focused on four local cluster strengths and clean technology is one of those four key cluster industries. Your decision to locate a state-of-the-art food waste to renewable energy facility in Portland moves us one step closer to our goal of becoming North America's hub for the clean energy industry. Once built, Columbia Biogas' facility will join other cutting-edge examples of clean energy production such as thin film solar, advanced hydro-electric, and innovative wind power.

Additionally, Columbia Biogas' advanced manufacturing technology will prevent commercial food waste from clogging our sewers or ending up in our landfills, and will generate greatly needed jobs and economic development. I am also enthusiastic about the equivalent of 3,000 Portland homes being powered by commercial food waste that otherwise gets trucked away, which helps us meet our Climate Action Goals and moves Portland closer to energy self-sufficiency.

Your outreach to the Cully and surrounding neighborhood's has been exemplary as demonstrated by the landmark Good Neighbor Agreement which is a model for how business can partner with their residential neighbors.

As a result of your team's extensive work researching the most advanced plants throughout Europe, I believe you will set a standard in the United States. You have invested millions of dollars into our community over the past two-and-a-half years to further establish the City as a leader in America and I truly hope the facility will result in other American metropolitan communities following our lead.

Thank you for your perseverance and for sticking with Portland. We look forward to working with you to break ground on this exceptional facility and bring needed jobs to the Cully neighborhood.

Let's get it done!

With warm regards,

Mayor Sam Adams