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## **National Biodiesel Board (NBB) Statement Regarding European Biodiesel Board (EBB) Trade Complaint**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Manning Feraci, the National Biodiesel Board’s (NBB) Vice President of Federal Affairs, issued the following statement in response to the EBB’s announcement that it has filed trade complaints with the European Commission:

“It is unfortunate that the situation has come to this. For months, while the EBB played politics and engaged in heated rhetoric, we have offered to work through these issues without resorting to litigation. These efforts have been rebuffed.

“The supposed woes facing the European biodiesel industry have nothing to do with U.S. exports. The EBB’s membership produce fuel from a more expensive feedstock than American producers and the cost of that feedstock has significantly increased. It is also important to note changes in EU member state policies unfavorable to the biofuels industry have impacted European producers.

“The motivation behind this case is simple – the EBB is trying to use litigation as a protectionist tool to shield them from U.S. competition. The U.S. biodiesel industry plans to use every resource at its disposal to wage a vigorous defense against the EBB’s baseless allegations. In addition, our industry will aggressively challenge existing EU trade barriers – such as the EU’s discriminatory biodiesel fuel specification – and other EU biofuel policies that are inconsistent with WTO rules and provide preferential treatment to European fuel producers.”