

Honorable Judge Kevin Gross
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Good Morning Judge Gross,

We have been shareholders, patient ones, with family members, since early 2007, of Aventine Renewable Energy. In January of this year, we, Bill and Sheila Toomey, sat in attendance during a hearing where our objections were entered into the docket's record. We are not lawyers and our attendance was with sincere respect to the court, for entering our objections. We learned, quite quickly, the procedural format of lawyers takes precedence over the actual evaluation of data impacting this entire Bankruptcy, in progress.

With the manner of how this has developed, we have the following concerns and are frustrated with the procedural process inability to resolve these concerns. We are and have been shareholders, yet, our rights, as shareholders to VOTE on the initial bankruptcy filing, the selection of the ever changing senior management and the Board of Directors have ignored and excluded our input, as members of majority shareholders. We have been consistently superseded by a creditor group who had directed the activities of the senior management and Board of Directors prior to the Bankruptcy filing, and continue to do so, as indicated by previously employed senior managers. We, the shareholders, have not been considered, informed or included in the decision making process for over two years, well before the Bankruptcy filing. From our perspective, we had been passively patient not even considering how our management and Board of Directors were taking direction from the company financial advisor, and creditor, while excluding shareholders. It is this obvious CONFLICT(s) of Interest(s) which causes us to implore your support for the overdue formation of a Shareholders Committee.

Further, we would request an understanding, with explanation, why a creditor group and financial advisor selected and voted successfully a POR, Plan of Recovery, which was overwhelmingly rejected, by over 70% of the actual shareholder owners. Those who won the vote for the exclusive POR, submitted, were nothing more than bondholders who could, and can, be paid, as promised through the cash flow of the business. Of course, they would like to take ownership of the company for serviceable debt, but why should a creditor and financial advisor be placed into a position to take the company from the shareholder owners, without the shareholders choice to pay the debt, as promised ?

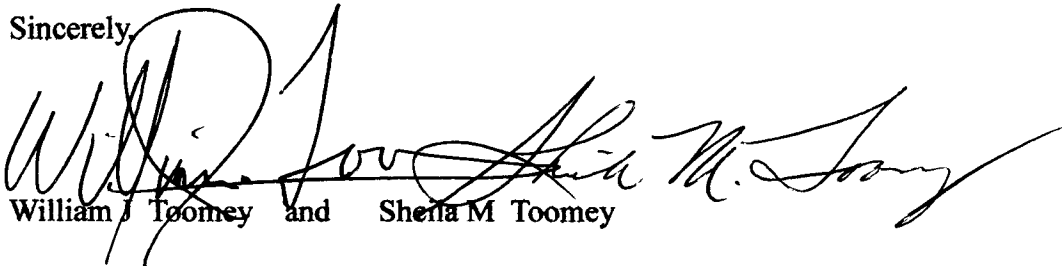
Finally, we the shareholders, having been excluded and ignored throughout this procedural process, we find completely unnecessary, humbly request, your support of the shareholders right to call an immediate shareholders meeting, in April 2010, to deliberate in these details for the benefit, inclusion and future success of employees, shareholders, partners and customers of Aventine Renewable Energy. We may not be lawyers, but we know what paying debt and managing a business requires. Given the opportunity, we will ensure the bills are paid and business responsibilities are conducted as the principles of business ethics expect. We believe the actual bankruptcy filing should be rejected, dismissed, because the rationale and premise, for filing, have been proven to not satisfy or meet the need for Bankruptcy protection.

Your consideration and approval of these requests are in line with the respect shareholders deserve for their investment in this company and in how shareholder rights are understood by the majority of existing, shareholder owners.

Thank you for your time and sincere consideration of our humble requests.

May God guide and Bless you.

Sincerely,



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