

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to you today concerning the future of renewable energy. We would like to bring to your attention an issue that we believe is a barrier to increased use of renewable fuels by the motoring public.

We appreciate your support for renewable fuels. Continued advancement in bio-fuels will lead to greater energy independence and increased renewable fuel usage will help to secure America's energy future. The first steps have been taken in securing America's energy future through private sector investment and legislation. An added bonus of renewable fuels is that they provide jobs and another market for farmers.

Current ethanol production in the United States is approximately 6.8 billion gallons per year. Current construction and expansion of ethanol plants underway will increase this production to 13 billion gallons in the next year. This doubling of our current production is good, but research needs to keep pace as production progresses.

With additional ethanol production facilities coming on-line, the United States ethanol industry is growing increasingly concerned about the short-term market demand for ethanol. Domestic ethanol production is starting to approach the limits on market demand for E10 (a blend of 90 percent gasoline and 10 percent ethanol). Current projections are that 12 to 14 billion gallons will be the blend limit. With current production, ethanol producers have been able to successfully supply the market for ethanol needed for E10.

Our concern is that while ethanol producers are producing to their capacity, they will run into the "E10 blend wall". In order to make sure that our ethanol industry keeps growing and securing America's energy future, the government must begin testing higher blends of ethanol in gasoline to make sure that demand can keep up with production. Failure to do this testing will have an adverse affect on the ethanol industry which will cause great harm to America's energy future.

The Congress and administration must join forces with the ethanol, automotive and engine manufacturer industries to start testing increased blends of ethanol on non-flex fuel vehicles to determine suitable emissions, drivability and compatibility test for climate conditions. Once these tests are completed, we ask that you direct the Environmental Protection Agency to approve higher blends of ethanol (E15, E20, E30, etc.) in a safe and timely fashion that follows all required scientific-based testing and is done in conjunction and coordination with other relevant federal agencies and private sector industries.

We thank you for you time and consideration of this request. We also thank you for your continued support of the renewable fuels industry in the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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