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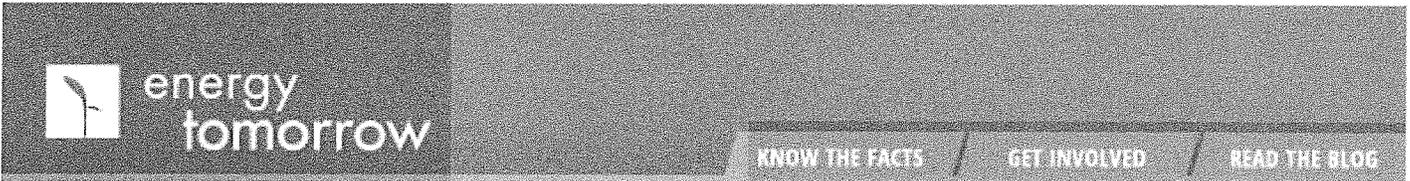
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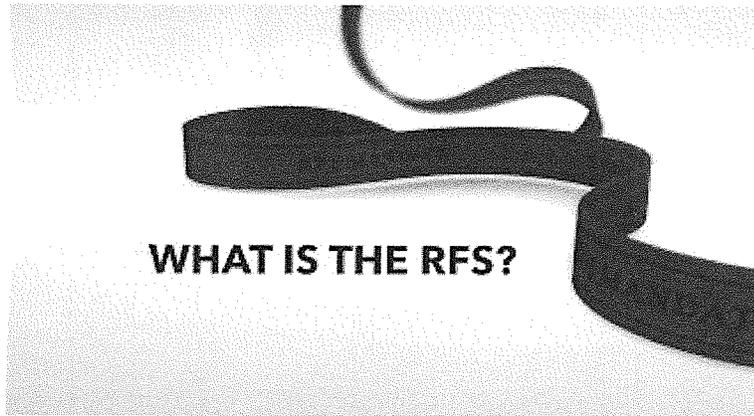
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Dear Michelle,

Failure to reform or repeal the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is pushing U.S. drivers closer and closer to the blend wall – the point at which there is more ethanol in the fuel supply than can be safely used by most vehicles.

RFS and the Blend Wall

Americans aren't consuming as much gasoline as Congress assumed they would when the RFS was written in 2007. Yet the RFS requires the Environmental Protection Agency to issue yearly volume requirements that force ever-increasing amounts of ethanol into shrinking quantities of fuel. The result is the blend wall, and it's bad for drivers and for the economy.



Voters across the political spectrum are concerned. New polling finds:

- 77 percent of registered voters are concerned that breaching the ethanol blend wall could drive up the cost of gasoline for consumers and reduce the nation's fuel supply (85 percent of Republicans, 75 percent of Democrats and 71 percent of Independents)
- 77 percent are concerned that auto manufacturers have said they may not warranty their vehicles if the car's owner fuels up with an ethanol blend that is over 10 percent. (84 percent of Republicans, 75 percent of Democrats and 68 percent of Independents)
- 76 percent are concerned that diverting more corn to energy production rather than to food could result in higher food costs and contribute to world hunger. (81 percent of Republicans, 76 percent of Democrats and 74 percent of Independents)

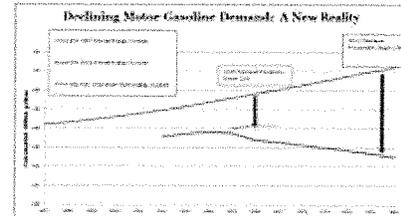
The concerns are well-founded on every count.

Gasoline Costs: A 2014 report by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office concluded that breaching the blend wall could increase the price of E10 gasoline by up to 26 cents per gallon. A 2015 NERA Economic Consulting study projected a possible 30 percent reduction to the fuel supply and "severe economic harm."

Engine Damage: Extensive testing shows E15 can damage engines and fuel systems, and only 10 percent of vehicles currently on the road are manufacturer-approved to use it.

Food Costs: By diverting nearly 40 percent of the U.S. corn crop from food to fuel, the RFS has raised food prices 25 percent, attracting opposition from anti-hunger group ActionAid and organizations representing grocers, restaurants, and the producers of poultry, pork and beef.

The RFS is not just obsolete but damaging, pushing far more ethanol – far too quickly – into the nation's fuel supply regardless of market demand. Reform or significant repeal should be a top priority in Congress.



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