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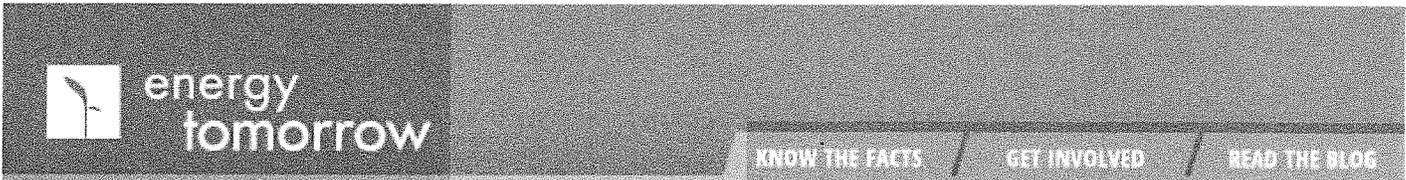
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**Congress: Protect Consumers,
Take Action on the RFS**

Dear Michelle,

It's time for Congress to step in and protect consumers from failed ethanol regulations mandated under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Proposed ethanol volumes released last week by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would force an additional 700 million gallons of ethanol and other biofuels into the nation's fuel supply in 2017. That level potentially pushes us past the blend wall, the point at which more ethanol is required in the fuel supply than can be used as E10 (ten percent ethanol volume).

The problem? Consumers have demonstrated they don't want

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high ethanol blends, which most cars on the road today were not designed for. Only 10 percent of vehicles are manufacturer-approved to use E15 (15 percent ethanol). Extensive testing by the auto and oil industries shows higher ethanol blends can damage engines and fuel systems not designed for them – potentially forcing drivers to pay for costly repairs.

That's not all. By diverting a large portion of the U.S. corn crop from food to fuel, the RFS has raised food prices, attracting opposition from anti-hunger group ActionAid and organizations representing grocers, restaurants, and the producers of poultry, pork and beef. Owners of boats, classic cars, motorcycles and small engines like lawnmowers are also affected; access to the ethanol-free gasoline these consumers demand is at risk by ever-increasing ethanol volumes.

The Congressional Budget Office found that consumer gas prices could rise by 26 cents per gallon unless EPA lowers RFS mandates.

When Congress approved the current RFS in 2007, the U.S. energy outlook was vastly different. Today, we're the world's leading producer of oil and natural gas, and our success has helped advance the primary goals of the RFS. Increases in domestic production have helped drive down energy imports, fuel costs and – through greater use of clean-burning natural gas – greenhouse gas emissions.

The RFS is not just outdated. Its flaws are so extensive, it's attracted opposition from Democrats, Republicans and a diverse range of organizations, including environmental groups.

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced in Congress, and policymakers should act this year to significantly reform or repeal the broken RFS.

Sincerely,

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