

May 10, 2016

The Honorable Bill Flores  
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The Honorable Peter Welch  
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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
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The Honorable Steve Womack  
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Dear Congressmen Flores, Welch, Goodlatte, Costa, Womack, and Richmond:

The undersigned organizations write in support of H.R. 5180, *The Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016*, and appreciate your long-standing and continued leadership on this important issue.

It is well-established that despite Congress' best intentions, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) has proven administratively unworkable and ultimately disastrous for consumers. Whether one considers the RFS' impact on engines, reduced consumer choice for ethanol-free gasoline, the impact on food and feed markets, or the impact on the environment, it is clear that the RFS is not only failing to achieve its original goals, but in many cases working contrary to them. In addition to the substantive issues, the RFS has proven extraordinarily difficult for EPA to implement on a yearly basis, with final rules routinely issued many months past statutory deadlines, causing deep uncertainty for fuel providers, renewable fuel providers, and commodity markets.

The *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016* is a common-sense measure that strikes an appropriate balance in addressing some of these issues. By ensuring the federal mandates can not force more ethanol into the fuel supply than all engines and infrastructure can safely handle, this bill will protect consumers from engine damage and retain some consumer choice for ethanol-free gasoline. In addition, by effectively capping current mandated ethanol blending levels, the bill will at least ensure the other adverse impacts of the ethanol mandate do not grow worse in the coming years. The *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016* will provide additionally certainty to fuel, renewable fuel, and commodity markets by implementing automatic standards if EPA misses statutory deadlines. Finally, this legislation achieves all these

goals without hampering the development of advanced biofuels or removing the ability of consumers to access higher ethanol blends in a free-market.

We believe further reforms to the RFS continue to be warranted, but that the *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016* is an excellent measure that deserves the support of every Member of Congress.

Sincerely,

1. American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
2. American Motorcyclist Association
3. American Sportfishing Association
4. BoatUS
5. Competitive Enterprise Institute
6. Environmental Working Group
7. International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
8. Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
9. Milk Producers Council
10. National Association of Egg Farmers
11. National Marine Manufacturers Association
12. National Taxpayers Union
13. National Turkey Federation
14. Southeast Milk, Inc.
15. Specialty Equipment Market Association
16. Taxpayers for Common Sense