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Representative Flores/Welch/Goodlatte/Costa/Richmond/Womack dear colleague letter to House of Representatives requesting co-sponsors for H.R. 5180, the Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act. AFPM and API will follow up with Member office visits.

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Cosponsor H.R. 5180, the Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act

From: The Honorable Bill Flores
Sent By: [redacted]@mail.house.gov
Bill: H.R. 5180
Date: 5/16/2016

Supported by: American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, American Motorcyclist Association, American Petroleum Institute, American Sportfishing Association, BoatUS, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Environmental Working Group, International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, Marine Retailers Association of the Americas, Milk Producers Council, National Association of Egg Farmers, National Marine Manufacturers Association, National Taxpayers Union, National Turkey Federation, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Southeast Milk, Inc., Specialty Equipment Market Association, Taxpayers for Common Sense

Dear Colleague,

We invite you to join us in cosponsoring H.R. 5180, the *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act*. The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates an increasing volume of biofuel to be blended in our domestic gasoline supply. Changing market conditions and a decline in gasoline demand have exacerbated the onset of the blend wall, defined by the Congressional Research Service as “the upper limit to the total amount of ethanol that can be blended into U.S. gasoline and still maintain automobile performance and comply with the Clean Air Act.”

The *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act* prevents the RFS mandate from forcing more ethanol into the market and limits its adverse impacts on consumers, the environment, and the economy by capping RFS volumes below the blend wall. We ask that you join us in cosponsoring this legislation.

Background

When the RFS was established under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and expanded under the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007, it was assumed that demand for gasoline would continue to increase and that the market would easily accommodate higher volumes of ethanol. Market conditions have dramatically changed since then, creating the challenge of blending an increasing mandate of ethanol under declining demand for gasoline.

Today, most of the nation’s consumer cars, trucks, marine and other small engines, and much of the refueling infrastructure are only compatible with gasoline containing up to 10 percent ethanol. Exceeding this 10 percent limit in the market creates technical and implementation obstacles, and ultimately causes adverse impacts on consumers.

For the first time, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set volume levels beyond the blend wall in 2016. In 2007, when EISA was debated and enacted, Congress did not consider going beyond the blend wall in 2016, as it relied upon projected gasoline demand outlined by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) that would have accommodated higher volumes.

Continuing to force more ethanol into an already saturated gasoline market puts engines at risk, causes higher emissions, and increases food and fuel costs for consumers. H.R. 5180 is targeted to provide immediate relief from the RFS and issues surrounding the blend wall.

Summary

- H.R. 5180 directs EPA to consider current market realities and cap the maximum mandated volume of ethanol blended into the transportation fuel supply at 9.7% of projected gasoline demand as determined by the EIA. The bill would not prevent more ethanol from being sold if consumers want to buy it.
- H.R. 5180 preserves consumer choice for ethanol-free gasoline required for boats, motorcycles, and small engines such as lawn mowers.
- H.R. 5180 requires EPA to meet its statutory deadlines in setting annual RFS volumes. If EPA fails to meet the deadline, the previous RFS volumes under the blend wall would apply.

Please join us in cosponsoring the *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act* by contacting Eric Gustafson (Rep. Flores) or Mark Fowler (Rep. Welch).

Sincerely,

Bill Flores

Peter Welch

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