

August 25, 2010

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Chairman
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: “Mid-Level” Ethanol Issue Deserves Additional Oversight as EPA Moves Toward its Waiver Decision

Dear Chairman Waxman and Ranking Member Barton:

The undersigned organizations want to commend you for your July 29, 2010 letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding the Agency’s pending E15 decision. Your letter raised several vital questions about “mid-level” ethanol blends that we believe EPA has not yet addressed or answered, and we thank you for your leadership in protecting consumers and the products they rely on. We also believe that the Department of Energy should fully expand and accelerate mid-level ethanol blends research in the areas that are necessary to protect consumers.

Please consider pursuing this issue further by holding a Committee hearing in September and calling on Administrator Jackson and Secretary Chu to testify regarding the questions you raised and EPA’s and DOE’s work on this issue. We believe there are many important questions remaining before EPA makes its final decision on the mid-level ethanol fuel waiver, and that the Energy and Commerce Committee is the ideal place to ask those questions. For that reason, we urge you to hold a hearing with EPA, DOE and other witnesses on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
American Meat Institute
American Petroleum Institute
American Sportfishing Association
Association of International Automobile Manufacturers
Association of Marina Industries
Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society/ESPN Outdoors
Blue Ribbon Coalition
Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatU.S.)

Center for Coastal Conservation
Coastal Conservation Center
Engine Manufacturers Association
Environmental Working Group
Forest Resources Association
Friends of the Earth
Grocery Manufacturers Association
International Liquid Terminals Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Marine Retailers Association of America
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Boating Federation
National Chicken Council
National Marine Distributors Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Meat Association
National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
National Turkey Federation
NATSO – National Association of Truck Stop Operators
Natural Resources Defense Council
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Sail America
Service Station Dealers of America & Allied Trades
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Southern Environmental Law Center
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America

cc: Members of House Energy and Commerce Committee