

April 8, 2013

The Honorable Jim Sensenbrenner
Member of Congress
2449 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sensenbrenner:

The undersigned organizations representing business, agriculture, recreation, environmental, development, and free market interests fully support legislation to rescind federal waivers that approve the sale and use of gasoline containing up to 15 vol% ethanol until a comprehensive scientific review of mid-level ethanol blends is complete.

In 2010 and 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency granted two waivers that allowed a 50 percent increase in ethanol content for model year (MY) 2001 and later despite concerns that the potential impacts of E15 on cars, marine and small engines, consumers and the environment were inadequately addressed. Since that time, testing has shown that E15 may damage even approved vehicles, and recent surveys have indicated the high likelihood of misfueling and widespread confusion at the pump. Additionally, diverting even more of the nation's corn crop to ethanol production will further contribute to higher food and feed costs while worsening air and water quality.

By requiring the National Academy of Sciences to study mid-level ethanol blends, H.R. 875 helps shine a light on these adverse impacts. Our organizations fully support passage of this common sense legislation and encourage Congress to bring it up this year.

Sincerely,

ActionAid USA
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
American Frozen Food Institute
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Meat Institute
American Motorcyclist Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Sportfishing Association
Association of Global Automakers, Inc.
BoatUS
California Dairy Campaign
California Poultry Federation
Competitive Enterprise Institute
Environmental Working Group
FreedomAction
Georgia Poultry Federation
Idaho Dairymen's Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers
Association

Marine Retailers of the Americas
Milk Producers Council
National Chicken Council
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Restaurant Association
National Taxpayers Union
National Turkey Federation
North American Meat Association
North Carolina Poultry Federation
Northwest Dairy Association
Oregon Dairy Center
Snack Food Association
South Carolina Poultry Federation
Southeast Milk Inc.
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Tennessee Poultry Association