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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable John W. Snow Secretary United States Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Room 3134 Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to urge swift implementation by the Internal Revenue Service of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Tax Credit that was included in the recently enacted Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The demand for greater access to alternative fuels such as E-85 ethanol and B20 biodiesel has increased significantly among the American public in recent months. Given that this tax credit became effective for properties placed into service January 1, 2006, we urge you to issue preliminary guidance or rulemaking on this new provision as soon as possible. Many stakeholders, including fuel station owners and feedstock suppliers, require certainty for business planning purposes and will benefit from expedited guidance from the Internal Revenue Service regarding this tax credit.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter and request a briefing with your staff on this issue and to answer additional questions that we have. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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