

**Vote NO on the Sullivan, Burgess, and Pompeo anti-ethanol  
amendments to the FY2012 Interior Appropriations Bill –**

**Protect Consumer Choice**

Dear Colleague,

**We urge you to vote NO on several anti-ethanol amendments that may be offered during floor consideration of the FY 2012 Interior appropriations bill.** These amendments include: an attempt to block EPA from implementing the Agency's waiver approval for blends of 15 percent ethanol—known as E15—to be offered by Representative John Sullivan; Representative Michael Burgess' amendment would prohibit the EPA from registering fuel with more than 10 percent ethanol; while Representative Mike Pompeo's amendment seeks to block the EPA from enforcing renewable fuel requirements against refiners for operations conducted in FY 2012.

Ethanol production and use creates U.S. jobs, fosters our energy independence and strengthens national security. These three amendments offered by Congressmen Sullivan, Burgess and Pompeo would prevent consumers from having the option to use more ethanol in their vehicles.

Specifically, the Sullivan and Burgess amendments would reject years of scientific research and testing data on E15. EPA's E15 waiver approval was adopted with the support of more scientific data than any of the previous 11 waivers. DOE and EPA have both concluded that this ethanol blend does not harm engine durability nor emissions equipment for vehicles 2001 and newer (which represent nearly 70 percent of all vehicles in the United States and 75 percent of all the fuel consumed). Delphi, one of the largest global makers of engine parts, has stated that it has been supplying E15-compliant fuel pumps since 1992 and that, today, its fuel pumps can even handle blends of 25 percent ethanol.

To address concerns about misfueling, the EPA has approved a label which clearly specifies that it is illegal to put E15 in 2001 or older vehicles or in small engines. It is also important to note that no gas station will be required to sell E15. **The EPA's waiver does not mandate the use of E15, but rather permits the use of E15.**

These amendments would also harm our nation's ability to reduce imports of foreign oil. Increasing the maximum amount of ethanol from 10 to 15 percent would reduce our dependence on foreign oil by 7 billion gallons annually and create up to 136,000 American jobs that can't be outsourced.

Finally, the increased use of ethanol has been shown to reduce gasoline prices. By blending ethanol – which is cheaper than gasoline in today's market– fuel prices were reduced by \$0.89

per gallon in 2010 and an average of \$0.25 per gallon over the last decade. That's \$34.5 billion in savings over that period.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to oppose the Sullivan, Burgess, and Pompeo amendments that seek to reduce ethanol penetration in the marketplace. Allowing gas stations to sell up to 15 percent ethanol would be good for the U.S. economy, enhance consumer choice and lower gasoline prices for millions of Americans. **We encourage you to vote NO on the Sullivan, Burgess, and Pompeo amendments.**

Sincerely,

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