



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Herb Kohl, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Russell Feingold, U.S. Senate
The Honorable David Obey, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Thomas Petri, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Gerald Kleczka, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Ron Kind, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Mark Green, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Paul Ryan, U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

The Senate and House conferees will soon begin to work out differences between their respective energy bills this session. We respectfully request that you support inclusion of the renewable fuels standards (RFS) and nationwide MTBE phase-out in the conference report.

An RFS will require that a portion of America's fuels include five billion gallons of renewables such as ethanol. This will ensure an expanded market share for Wisconsin's value-added ethanol industry, and it will serve as a much-needed boost to our state's agricultural sector. The RFS also provides an excellent opportunity for our country to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and continue to improve air quality.

Recently, Wisconsin has enacted a ban on MTBE to take effect August 2004. Seventeen states now have prohibitions on this known carcinogen. It is time that the Federal government takes the same step to promote the safer and cleaner alternative, ethanol.

It is our hope that a compromise version of the energy bill will include the RFS and MTBE ban. Both provisions are important to the rural economies of Wisconsin and the nation. We request that you support the inclusion of these items in a final federal energy bill and pass this request on to the conferees.

Sincerely,

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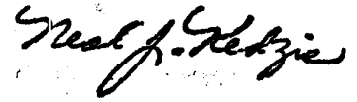
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