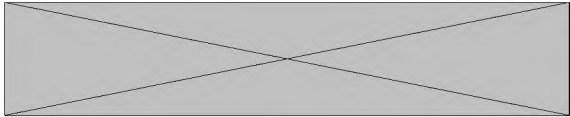


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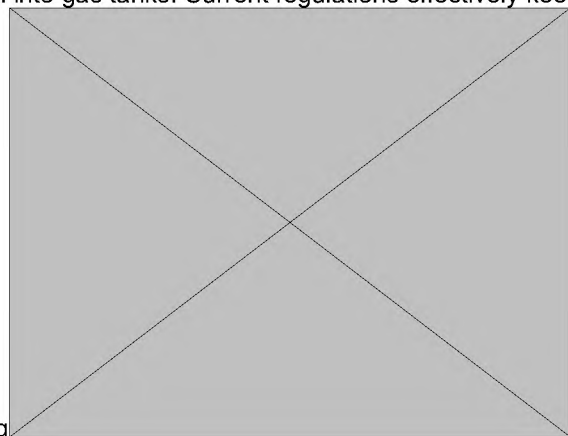


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Dear Leila,

Multiple industries have long warned about the risks of higher-ethanol fuels like E15, which extensive testing shows can damage engines and fuel systems. Nearly 3 out of every 4 vehicles on the road today are not designed for E15 gasoline, and a number of automakers have even said that [using E15 could void car warranties](#). Plus, ethanol has less energy than gasoline, forcing drivers to fill up more often when using higher ethanol blends.

A [new proposal](#) would push even more E15 ethanol into gas tanks. Current regulations effectively keep



E15 off the market in the summer months, providing consumers at least some relief. But the Trump administration is considering a waiver to facilitate E15 sales year-round, exposing drivers – plus owners of boats, motorcycles, lawnmowers and power equipment most compatible with zero-ethanol fuel – to even more risk.

It's a step in the wrong direction for federal ethanol policy. Washington should be focused on protecting consumers and modernizing outdated regulations under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which requires increasing amounts of ethanol in the nation's fuel supply, [regardless of market demand](#).

RFS flaws are so wide-ranging that the [Washington Times](#) recently devoted several pages to chronicling the policy's consequences – from environmental concerns to increased food prices, elevated costs for farmers and ranchers to higher fuel prices for families. It says a lot that the special report -- "Good Intentions Gone Wrong: Can Congress Admit A Mistake?" – was able to compile 15 separate commentaries without even worrying about repetition. Contributors included the National Wildlife Federation, National Council of Chain Restaurants, National Chicken Council, National Black Chamber of Commerce, National Taxpayers Union – and lawmakers from both parties.

That last point is key. There is bipartisan support for RFS reform. Instead of pushing E15 ethanol, policymakers should fix the outdated RFS once and for all.

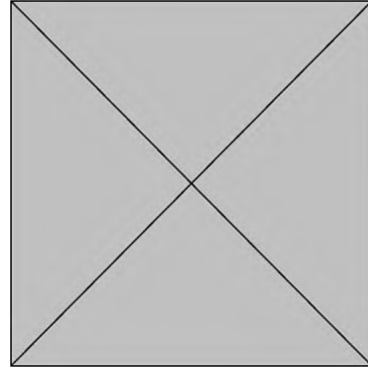
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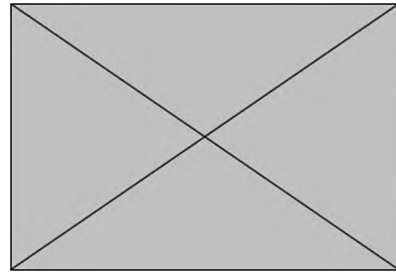
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