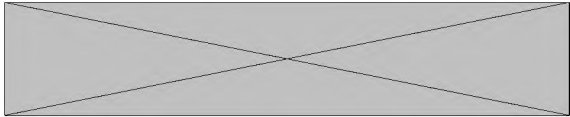


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June 14, 2018

Dear Leila,

Without reform, the [Renewable Fuel Standard](#) (RFS) is headed down a path that could limit consumer choices, raise their fuel costs and could even damage their vehicles.

Based on decade-old fuel consumption projections that have missed the mark, the RFS forces increasing amounts of ethanol into the fuel supply each year, regardless of market realities. Unless ethanol volume requirements are adjusted to reflect actual fuel consumption trends, we could end up breaching the blend wall -- the point at which the RFS forces more ethanol into the fuel supply than can be accommodated through standard E10 (10 percent ethanol) gasoline.

The problem: Almost three out of four of vehicles on the road today are not manufacturer-approved to use [higher ethanol blends like E15](#) (15 percent ethanol fuel). Extensive testing by the Coordinating Research Council (CRC) -- the gold standard in vehicle research -- has determined E15 could damage engines and fuel systems and [even void manufacturers' warranties](#).

When the RFS mandates were developed more than a decade ago, the mandated use of corn-based ethanol seemed to some like a viable option to lower fuel costs and imports while reducing emissions. Now that the United States is the world's largest producer and refiner of oil and natural gas, we're in a [new era](#). We've transitioned from a net importer of refined petroleum products to a [net exporter](#), and U.S. carbon emissions have reached 25-year lows due primarily to greater use of clean natural gas.

The White House has brought together stakeholders to seek a solution, but the administration can only make adjustments on the margins. Only Congress can address the fundamental flaws of the mandate itself. It's past time to reform the broken, [outdated RFS](#). Legislative reform offers the best path to protect consumers.

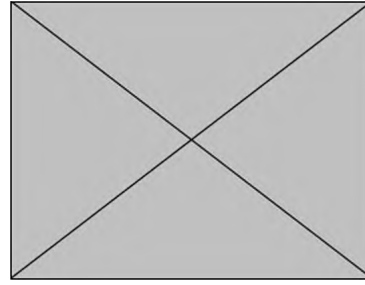
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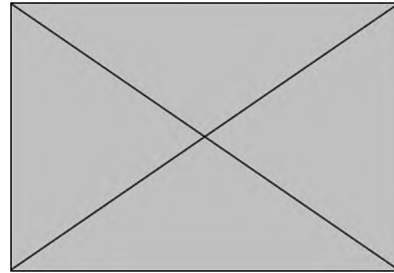
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Sent: 2018-06-14T12:02:52-04:00
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Methow Headwaters meeting request
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