

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 25, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer:

On December 1st, the EPA postponed its decision on whether to grant Growth Energy's petition for allowing mid-level ethanol blends into commerce (gasoline blends containing more than 10 percent ethanol, such as E15 or E20). By postponing its decision until next year, EPA did the right thing by putting science first. We write today to urge you to oppose any efforts to attempt a legislative "end run" around the established Clean Air Act process for approval of the introduction of new fuels into commerce, including the authorization of mid-level ethanol blends.

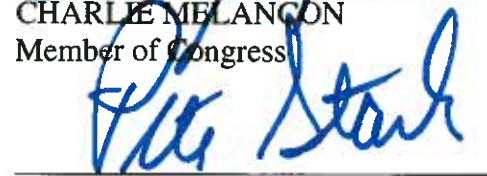
Such efforts disregard consumer and environmental protections embedded in the Clean Air Act that require significant testing before a new fuel is introduced. We collectively, and strongly, oppose any circumvention of the EPA process as contrary to scientific integrity and potentially harmful to the environment, public health, consumers, manufacturers, and our constituents.

We are united in our opposition to any legislative effort to introduce "mid-level ethanol blends" into commerce until the completion of independent, rigorous and verifiable testing that indicates that the use of such blends will not pose a risk to gasoline-powered engines, to public health, to the environment, and to consumers.

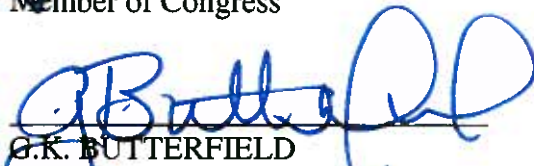
  
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