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The undersigned organizations urge you to support H.R. 3199. This important piece of legislation would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct necessary scientific and technical analysis on the implications of introducing mid-level ethanol blends into the marketplace before EPA moves forward with registering such fuels.

Several objective studies indicate that significantly more research and testing needs to be completed before gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol, known as "E15," or other mid-level ethanol blends can be introduced into commerce. H.R. 3199 will require the NAS and EPA to conduct a necessary comprehensive assessment of the testing that has been conducted and still needs to be done of on-road, off-road, and marine engines, vehicles and related equipment prior to the implementation of any waiver for mid-level ethanol blends. This bill takes a critical step towards ensuring that any mid-level ethanol blends are introduced into commerce in a manner that protects consumers and the environment.

While our organizations have divergent priorities, consumer protection is a common high priority and we are united in opposition to the premature introduction of E15. Simply stated, this bill will halt EPA's rush to introduce mid-level ethanol blends and ensure such fuel blends receive the proper scientific analysis before being put into the marketplace.

We collectively urge you to support Representative Sensenbrenner's legislation (H.R. 3199).

Sincerely,

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American Frozen Food Institute
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Bakers Association
American Meat Institute
American Petroleum Institute
Association of Global Automakers
Boat Owners Association of The United States
California Dairy Campaign
Competitive Enterprise Institute
Freedom Action
Friends of the Earth
Grocery Manufacturers Association
International Liquid Terminals Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Milk Producers Council

Motorcycle Industry Council
National Association of Shell Marketers
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Meat Association
National Restaurant Association
National Turkey Federation
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Snack Food Association
Southeast Milk Inc.
Specialty Equipment Market Association
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