

# RFS is broken.

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone:

**The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is increasingly recognized as a failed policy in need of attention by the Congress.**

With the exception of the corn and ethanol industries, which continue to benefit from the RFS mandate, nearly everyone else suffers under this unfair and destructive policy. We ask that the Committee consider and mark-up legislation to address the RFS as soon as possible.

Although enacted with the best of intentions in 2005 when our nation faced very different circumstances from today's, the RFS has created perverse incentives to overplant corn, distort food commodity markets and wreak economic and environmental havoc.

We thank you for the Committee's serious and thoughtful bipartisan effort in the last Congress to review the RFS and consider possible reforms in light of the many unintended consequences that have resulted from the mandate since its inception. That process was very constructive and laid a foundation for significant changes to the policy.

Since that time the chorus of voices calling for RFS reforms has grown and the case against the policy has become even more convincing. The RFS is now in its 10th year—let us not allow this policy failure to continue to fester when its flaws are so plain to see.

Only Congress can solve the problems created by the RFS. Our organizations are committed to working with you on a bipartisan legislative solution to achieve this goal.

Thank you,

  
ActionAid USA

  
American Bakers Association

  
American Beverage Association

  
American Frozen Food Institute

  
American Sportfishing Association

  
Associated Builders and Contractors—Florida

  
Association of Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchisees

  
California Dairy Campaign


  
Center for Coastal Conservation

  
Clean Air Task Force

  
Competitive Enterprise Institute

  
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

  
Dairy Producers of New Mexico

  
Dairy Producers of Utah

  
Environmental Working Group

  
Florida Cattlemen's Association

  
Florida Concrete and Products Association

  
Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

  
Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association

  
Franchise Management Advisory Council

  
FreedomWorks

  
Friends of the Earth

  
Idaho Dairymen's Association

  
International Dairy Foods Association

  
International Foodservice Distributors Association

  
International Pizza Hut Franchise Holder's Association

  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas

  
Milk Producers Council

  
National Association of Egg Farmers

  
National Chicken Council

  
National Council of Chain Restaurants

  
National Franchise Association

  
National Frozen Pizza Institute

  
National Grocers Association

  
National Marine Manufacturers Association

  
National Restaurant Association

  
National Taxpayers Union

  
National Turkey Federation

  
Nevada State Dairy Commission

  
North American Meat Institute

  
Northwest Dairy Association/Darigold

  
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association

  
Oxfam America

  
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

  
R Street Institute


  
Snack Food Association

  
South East Dairy Farmers Association

  
Southeast Milk, Inc.

  
Southeastern Meat Association

  
Specialty Equipment Market Association

  
Taxpayers for Common Sense

  
Taxpayers Protection Alliance

  
Washington State Dairy Federation

  
Western United Dairymen