Fuels America is a broad coalition of stakeholders committed to protecting America’s Renewable Fuel Standard and promoting the benefits of all types of renewable fuel already growing in America.

We are founded on a simple core principle:

Renewable fuel is good for the U.S. economy, for our nation’s energy security and for the environment.

America’s Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) has helped domestic, renewable transportation fuel strengthen America’s rural economies and communities. It has spurred millions of dollars of investment in new technology for conventional and advanced renewable fuel, making cleaner, homegrown alternatives available and reducing our consumption of foreign oil.

Background: Originally adopted in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58) and expanded in 2007 as part of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140), the RFS called for 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel to be used in our transportation fuel supply by 2022. Each year EPA sets an overall volumetric target for renewable fuel based on statutory thresholds and anticipated gasoline consumption in the country, as well as specific targets for advanced, cellulosic, and biomass-based diesel fuels, each of which must be derived from renewable feedstocks and meet specified greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Almost all of the future growth in the RFS is in advanced biofuels such as cellulosic ethanol.

The RFS is reducing our dependence on foreign oil by making clean, homegrown renewable fuels a part of our transportation fuel mix.
- Since 2000, renewable fuel has helped reduce oil imports from the Persian Gulf by 25%.
- Renewable fuel currently provides 10% of America’s fuel needs – and that amount is growing.
- The U.S. Departments of Energy and Agriculture have estimated that there is enough biomass in America to replace nearly a third of the country’s gasoline with renewable fuel by 2030.
- Almost two-thirds of future RFS volumes are allocated for advanced renewable fuel like cellulosic ethanol, which is made from next-generation feedstocks such as agricultural waste.

The RFS is strengthening rural communities, driving economic growth and supporting more than 400,000 jobs nationwide.
- The RFS has spurred billions of dollars of investment in advanced and conventional renewable fuel.
- Renewable fuel has driven a $500 billion increase in America’s farm assets since 2007.
- In 2011, gas prices were reduced by $1.09 per gallon and the average American household saved $1200 on their gas bill thanks to renewable fuel, according to independent studies.

We can’t afford to reverse this progress. We must protect the economic, security and environmental benefits that renewable fuel brings to the country. We must avoid near-term decisions that imperil America’s rural communities, entrepreneurs and innovators, and energy security.

We must protect the Renewable Fuel Standard.

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