

October 19, 2011

The Honorable Harry Reid

Majority Leader

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20514

The Honorable Mitch McConnell

Minority Leader

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20514

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell,

The undersigned diverse group of business associations, hunger and development organizations, agricultural groups, environmental groups, budget hawks, grassroots groups and free marketers urge you to **support the McCain Amendment, No. 741**, to H.R. 2112, the Fiscal Year 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which would protect taxpayers from being forced to pay for ethanol blender pumps and storage facilities. We believe that taxpayers should not foot the bill for ethanol infrastructure; instead, this cost should be borne on the fuel-providing (ethanol and oil) industries themselves. The House of Representatives voted by a tally of 283 to 128 this year to prevent USDA from using taxpayer funds to subsidize blender pumps.

Sincerely,

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American Bakers Association

American Frozen Food Institute

Americans for Limited Government

Americans for Prosperity

American Meat Institute

California Dairies Inc.

Clean Air Task Force

Competitive Enterprise Institute

Environmental Working Group

Freedom Action

Friends of the Earth

Greenpeace USA

Grocery Manufacturers Association

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Milk Producers Council

National Chicken Council

National Council of Chain Restaurants

National Meat Association

National Restaurant Association

National Taxpayers Union

National Turkey Federation

National Wildlife Federation

Snack Food Association

Southeast Milk Inc.

Specialty Equipment Market Association

Taxpayers for Common Sense