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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Boxer,

Recognizing that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has primary jurisdiction over the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), I ask that you schedule an oversight hearing to review the program's implementation and examine its unintended consequences. Despite the enactment of a greatly expanded RFS in the Energy Independence and Security Act which passed last December, the Committee has yet to hold a hearing on RFS in the 110th Congress. With emerging questions surrounding ethanol's effects on world food and livestock feed prices, its economic sustainability, its transportation and infrastructure needs, its water usage, and numerous other environmental issues, now is the time for the Committee to exercise its jurisdiction and review the many consequences and hurdles to the RFS implementation.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator