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Senator Barbara Boxer
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Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Office Building
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Dear Chairman Boxer:

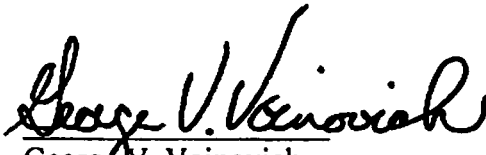
We write to urge you to exercise your oversight of the EPA's renewable fuels program, and especially to convene a legislative business meeting to consider related legislation as soon as possible.

As you know, the Committee on Environment and Public Works has exclusive jurisdiction over the existing Renewable Fuels Program and primary jurisdiction over biofuels legislation in general. Further, the Committee has a strong history of considering fuels legislation, whether related to water quality issues or more recently concerning the relationship between air quality and energy security, in a bipartisan manner. We hope that tradition continues under your leadership.

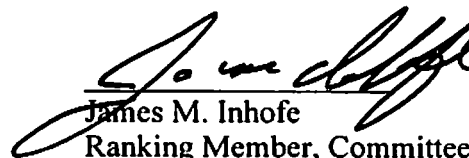
On April 19, 2007 Sen. Inhofe introduced a draft of the President's alternative fuels legislation (S. 1158). In his introductory statement, Sen. Inhofe commented that he has questions concerning the particulars of the President's plan, but shares the common goal of increasing energy security without compromising environmental quality. Given that the bill was properly referred to the Environment Committee, S. 1158 would serve as an appropriate vehicle for legislative action.

We look forward to working together on this topic of critical national interest.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member, Subcommittee
on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety



James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member, Committee
on Environment and Public Works