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Honorable Pete Olson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Olson:

The Domestic Alternative Fuels Act is an example of a necessary and attainable comprehensive energy policy that will ensure that the United States has a stable supply of reliable and affordable energy to keep our economy strong. By expanding the eligibility requirements within the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), this bill provides one additional pathway to energy production to allow this country to remain competitive in an ever shifting global marketplace.

Currently, the RFS is limited in the type of energy allowed, with specific mandates for particular sources (e.g. corn ethanol, cellulosic ethanol, and biodiesel fuels). The goal of our nation's domestic energy policy is two-pronged - to reduce dependence on foreign oil and to reduce the environmental impact of our transportation fleet. Opening up our national standard to an even greater set of proven fuels, including methanol, can help us to attain these goals. The Methanol Institute (MI), a trade association for the global methanol industry, appreciates your continued leadership in addressing the critical energy problems facing the United States. The MI also applauds efforts to expand our domestic fuel sources, but there is great potential to open up our national fuel standard to a second alcohol fuel. We encourage you to expand your legislation to allow consumers and businesses to have the added benefit of choosing methanol, as well as ethanol. This bill should allow the use of both alcohols, ethanol *and* methanol, to satisfy the RFS requirement and reduce the quantity of petroleum used in transportation fuel.

Methanol can be produced from a wide array of feedstocks including biomass, natural gas, municipal solid waste, coal, timber/agricultural waste and even from CO2 pollution itself; from anything that is, or ever was, a plant. Furthermore, it is a low-cost fuel; its current spot price in the Gulf coast is only \$1.13 per gallon. Even accounting for methanol's lower energy content, on a gasoline equivalent basis, M85 would cost consumers just \$3.25 per gallon, compared with regular gasoline now at \$3.50 and E85 at \$4.08. This would provide an affordable energy choice and create real competition at the pump, saving consumers money while still reducing emissions and utilizing even more domestic energy resources.

The use of methanol can help increase our energy choices in an economically viable manner, while lessening our reliance on corn as a feedstock option. Domestically produced methanol fuel will lead to an increase in competition with both gasoline and corn-based ethanol, which will help to stabilize food prices including livestock feed and enhance American energy security and global competitiveness.

Your legislation represents a positive step forward, but we believe that both alcohol fuels can complement each other to help reduce this country's dependence on foreign oil, increase fuel diversity and expand consumer and business choices. We would like to request a meeting with you and your staff to discuss this vision for an alcohol fueled future. Please do not hesitate to request our support on this measure and similar efforts, and thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Dolan', is written in a cursive style.

Gregory Dolan  
Acting CEO