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## RFS Reform Can Protect Consumers from Incompatible Fuels

Dear Kevin,

Earlier this month, Americans turned their clocks back to mark the yearly end of Daylight Saving Time, a policy implemented to conserve electricity during World War I. By the end of the month, we'll observe another annual ritual rooted in the past, when regulators issue yearly ethanol volume requirements under the [Renewable Fuel Standard](#) (RFS).

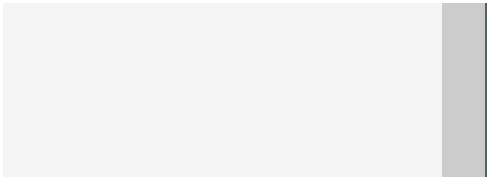
Granted, the RFS dates from 2005, not 1918, but those 12 years have so [transformed](#) the U.S. energy landscape that it's time to [re-evaluate our ethanol policy](#). The RFS was established to expand our use of renewable fuels while reducing reliance on imported oil. Now that the U.S. leads the world in producing and refining oil and natural gas, we've transitioned from a net importer of refined petroleum products to a [net exporter](#). Surging U.S. production has put downward pressure on prices and enhanced our energy security – two other RFS objectives. But since the law hasn't been adjusted to reflect those game-changing advances, U.S. consumers are faced with increasing amounts of ethanol in the nation's fuel supply each year, [regardless of market demand](#).

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and engine damage. It's time.

Sincerely,



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