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Voters Concerned about Ethanol, Poll Finds

Dear Kevin,

Brand new polling shows voters are worried about the impact of higher ethanol blends like E15:

- 79 percent are concerned about expanded E15 sales and vehicle incompatibility
- 83 percent are concerned that consumers could shoulder higher pump prices if service stations are forced to invest in new infrastructure to accommodate certain types of fuels
- Nearly 70 percent are worried about mistakenly using E15 and causing damage to their engines

Consumer concerns are justified. Nearly 3 out of every 4 vehicles on the road today are not designed for E15 gasoline. Extensive testing shows higher-ethanol fuels like E15 can damage engines and fuel systems, and a number of automakers have even said that [using E15](#) could void car warranties.

That's why the Trump administration should reconsider its move to push more E15 ethanol into gas tanks. Better yet, let's reform the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) – a relic of past energy scarcity that forces increasing amounts of ethanol into the nation's fuel supply, [regardless of market demand](#).

Reform is well overdue, and there's bipartisan support in Congress for action. It's time to fix the RFS before consumer concerns become reality.

Sincerely,

Mike Sommers
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