November 8th, 2011

The Honorable Harry Reid

Majority Leader
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell

Minority Leader United States Senate S-230 Capitol Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner

Speaker

United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

Minority Leader

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Dear Congressional Leaders:

The undersigned diverse group of business associations, hunger and development organizations, agricultural groups, environmental groups, budget hawks, grassroots groups and free marketers urge you to reject efforts to continue or expand federal support for corn ethanol in any appropriations, tax, or debt reduction package. In particular, we oppose:

- Altering the requirements of the Renewable Fuels Standard in a way that would open the
 definition of advanced biofuels to include corn-based fuels.
- Any expansion of the Alternative Fuels Tax Credit that would allow 85 percent ethanol blends (E85) to qualify for the credit.
- Funding for ethanol "blender pumps" or any other ethanol infrastructure projects.
- Any extension of the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit.

Any combination of these policies would only serve to expand the market for fuels derived from corn, especially corn ethanol, and exacerbate the many challenges associated with those fuels. Again, we urge you to reject efforts to expand federal support for corn ethanol in any appropriations, tax, or debt reduction package.

Sincerely,

ActionAid USA

American Bakers Association

American Frozen Food Institute

Americans for Limited Government

American Meat Institute

Americans for Prosperity

Americans for Tax Reform

California Dairy Campaign

Clean Air Task Force

Clean Water Action

Competitive Enterprise Institute

Environmental Working Group

Freedom Action

Friends of the Earth

Greenpeace USA

Grocery Manufacturers Association

Milk Producers Council

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Chicken Council

National Council of Chain Restaurants

National Meat Association

National Wildlife Federation

National Restaurant Association

National Taxpayers Union

National Turkey Federation

Natural Resources Defense Council

Oxfam America

Snack Food Association

Southeast Milk Inc.

Taxpayers for Common Sense

Taxpayers Protection Alliance