



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Michael W. Regan, Administrator
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, HW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are contacting you as members of the Wisconsin Legislature to implore your consideration of lifting the fuel blending requirements. This condition directly affects the southeast corner of our state where reformulated gasoline (RFG) is required.

We understand the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority to waive this federal regulation if the administrator finds that: (1) Extreme and unusual fuels supply circumstances exist that prevent the distribution of an adequate supply of fuel to consumers, (2) such extreme and usual circumstances are the result of a natural disaster or similar event that could not reasonably have been foreseen or prevented and not because of the lack of prudent planning on the part of suppliers; and (3) it is in the public interest to grant the waiver.

With the pandemic, swelling prices due to inflation, the war in Ukraine, and President Biden's Executive Orders impacting the oil and gas industries, we feel all three exceptions have been met, giving the EPA the ability to authorize a waiver of the RFG requirements.

As you are aware, gas prices in our country are at an all-time high. Many citizens are feeling the pinch at the pump and are looking for any form of relief. Currently, gas prices in Wisconsin's RFG area are on average 40 cents higher per gallon than prices in areas of Wisconsin not required to have blended fuels. Lifting the fuel blending requirement will give citizens in those counties significant savings over time.

With summer travel season now upon us, many citizens are thinking twice about major driving trips. Any incentive at the gas pump to encourage people to follow through on their summer plans will stimulate the economy.

We write this letter in the direct interest of the people of Wisconsin. However, lifting these federal regulations will also create a ripple effect across the country in the other states required to have reformulated gas.

Again we urge your utmost consideration of this common-sense proposal. It will provide much-needed relief to citizens across the United States who use reformulated gasoline every day and demonstrate the ability of the EPA to react to our nation's needs in a time of economic uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Robin J. Vos
Wisconsin Assembly Speaker