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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
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U. S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Speaker Hastert, and Representatives Pelosi, Thomas and Rangel:


Midwestern Governors strongly support the bipartisan and bicameral efforts in Congress this year to expand production and use of ethanol and other domestically-produced alternative and renewable fuels. We have cheered as provisions have been included in both the energy and highway bills that will spur the production and use of ethanol and other renewable fuels, such as producing electricity from wind and biomass, and will level the playing field for states like ours that have taken a leadership role in encouraging the production and use of these renewable fuels. Additionally we are grateful that the ethanol and renewable electricity tax credits were included in the Senate version of the Foreign Sales Corporation and Extraterritorial Investment Act (FSC-ETI).

Taken together, these production tax credits are immensely important public policy that will be good for our national economy, good for the environment, good for our nation's trade balance, and good for the farm economy in this country.

We know time is short and the pressures on you are many for the remainder of this session of Congress. We implore you to put the issues of ethanol and renewable energy on your "must pass" list as you consider the FSC-ETI bill.

Thank you,


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