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***MGA Applauds EPA's Decision to Uphold
Renewable Fuels Standard***

Washington, D.C. – The Midwest Governors Association (MGA) applauds Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen Johnson's decision to uphold the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) and deny requests for waiving its new, tougher standards.

"Administrator Johnson's decision to uphold the RFS reaffirms that renewable and alternative sources of energy are vital to our nation's energy security," said South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, MGA chair. "It is important that we continue to support the renewable fuels industry as we move toward the next generation of biofuels."

"The RFS is a vital tool in our efforts to reduce America's greenhouse gas emissions and cut our dependence on foreign oil," said Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, vice chair of the MGA. "This decision is an important step in continuing work toward the advancement of biofuels, which are an important part of America's energy future."

The MGA submitted a letter in early June to Johnson to uphold the RFS. Since that time, it has been active in showcasing the benefits that the RFS and biofuels have on the economy, the environment and national security.

The MGA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that brings together the governors of 12 states to work cooperatively on public policy issues of significance to the Midwestern region. In addition to Rounds and Granholm, the current members of the MGA are Gov. Rod Blagojevich (Ill.), Gov. Mitch Daniels (Ind.), Gov. Chet Culver (Iowa), Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (Kansas), Gov. Tim Pawlenty (Minn.), Gov. Matt Blunt (Mo.), Gov. Dave Heineman (Neb.), Gov. John Hoeven (N.D.), Gov. Ted Strickland (Ohio) and Gov. Jim Doyle (Wis.).

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