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Midwestern Governors Support Congressional Efforts to Establish Dedicated Ethanol Pipeline

Washington, D.C. – Last week, Midwestern governors sent a letter to Members of Congress expressing their support for a plan to build a dedicated ethanol pipeline.

Under Congressional proposals, a pipeline would be financed through public-private partnerships. Midwestern governors endorsed such a refueling network last October in the *Midwestern Energy Infrastructure Accord*.

A third-party consultant, LECG, who examined the impact of one pipeline project, found that it would create jobs, increase federal, state and local tax revenues, and support an entirely domestic fuel source.

The pipeline would generate 1,100 permanent jobs and nearly 80,000 jobs during the four-year timeline for right-of-way acquisition, permitting and construction. Federal tax revenue would increase by over \$715 million, and state and local tax revenues will increase by \$618 million increase. The U.S. economy will grow by \$6.6 billion due to the pipeline.

“Biofuels have advanced our region’s economy, but producers are facing infrastructure barriers to getting their product to market in a cost-efficient way,” said Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) chair. “Establishing a dedicated biofuels pipeline will solve the logistical barrier to fully integrating ethanol into the fuel supply – thereby boosting our region’s leadership role in the new energy economy.”

South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, former MGA chair, adds: “Growth Energy estimates that over 85 percent of the nation’s ethanol production is located in the Midwest. It is therefore crucial that our region leads efforts to expand the use of ethanol and biofuels throughout the country. However, that distribution cannot happen without the cost-efficient measures that the pipeline will provide.”

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