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The Honorable Thomas Daschle
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator ~~Daschle~~: *Tom*

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the use of ethanol and its role in the Clean Air Act's Reformulated Fuels Program. It was good to hear from you, and I enjoyed our recent meeting in this regard.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I appreciate learning of your views about the relationship between volatile organic chemical emissions and ozone formation. All reliable scientific data should be considered in order to come to an informed decision in compliance with the Clean Air Act on this very important matter.

I understand your concerns about the impact of this policy on corn growers. I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Again, thank you for keeping me apprised of your thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Gore".

Al Gore

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The Honorable Albert Gore
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Dear Mr. Vice President:

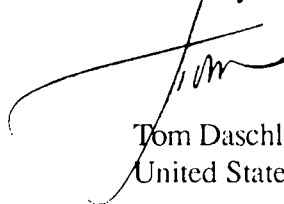
Thank you for meeting with me and my colleagues yesterday to discuss splash-blended ethanol's role under the reformulated gasoline program (RFG). I very much appreciate your positive comments about ethanol and your interest in resolving this RFG issue on the basis of the best available science.

As you know, this debate has a long, intense history that, in my view, has detracted from our common objective; namely to promote a viable domestic renewable fuels industry that improves air quality. I want E10 to participate under RFG, but only if it does not worsen ozone. It is my hope that you and Carol will bring environmentalists and the ethanol/farm community together behind a process that resolves this question based on a better understanding of ethanol's environmental effects. Further, I believe that objective can and should be accomplished without delaying the implementation of the RFG program.

Yesterday's meeting was an encouraging start. It is my hope that you will take a close look at the protocols of the Great Lakes Governors Association study with an eye toward recommending whatever modifications might be necessary to ensure a comprehensive, objective review of ethanol's role in forming ozone. I think that the impartial study approach could potentially both answer the policy questions about E10's effect on ozone and reduce the political temperature of this issue. I look forward to hearing further from you in this regard.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Tom Daschle
United States Senate

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