Fuel Freedom Act

The Problem: America's refining industry is being squeezed by costlier Renewable Volume Obligations (RVO) year after year under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) which adds tens of billions in costs to our nation annually.[1] Our farmers want year-round approval of E15 to unlock increased market access and relieve some of the pressure they are facing.

The Solution: The Fuel Freedom Act would remove costly mandates and bureaucratic barriers by winding down and eventually repealing the Renewable Fuel Standard while completely unlocking consumer access to E15 and even higher blends.

- By repealing the RFS, refineries are relieved of the cost of complying with the program, a burden which is often the costliest line item in a refinery's balance sheet. This relief would lessen the pressure on our domestic refining capacity, which has been steadily declining for years, and further build on the revitalization of American energy independence that Republicans have been dedicated to.
- By repealing the barriers to E15 and higher blends, our farmers can continue to produce biofuel and enjoy increased market access year-round without waiting for additional annual action from the government to permit year-round sale of applicable blends.
- American consumers will benefit the most by having their choice of preferred blends at the fuel pumps year-round and a bolstered domestic refining sector which pushes costs down.

Bottom Line: This bill is the most conservative proposal to address the ethanol debate. This bill repeals costly mandates, removes unnecessary barriers to allow consumers to choose ethanol blends that work for them, and allows the free market to dictate how much is blended into our gas instead of the government.

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