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Ethanol Board applauds GBC on letter to President Obama

The Nebraska Ethanol Board expressed its support today for a recent letter from the Governors' Biofuels Coalition to President Obama. The letter asked the president to continue his support of biofuels and includes several specific proposals designed to increase the production and use of biofuels over the next decade.

"We commend the Governors' Biofuels Coalition for reaching out to the president," said Todd Sneller, administrator of the Nebraska Ethanol Board. "Biofuels like ethanol are a key component in moving forward with renewable energy, the economy and a healthier environment."

The letter, written by GBC Chair and North Dakota governor John Hoeven, and Iowa Governor and GBC Vice Chair Chet Culver, emphasizes the role of biofuels like ethanol in increasing energy independence.

"We believe that biofuels can help reduce our dependency on foreign oil. Our vision for the next decade includes steps that would eliminate our dependency on high-carbon imported oil. We respectfully ask you to act quickly to address the issues below and help to achieve this vision," the letter states.

The GBC letter also proposes the following to promote biofuels development, including:

- Establish an interagency task force to sort fact from fiction regarding the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and transportation fuels.
- Initiate immediate action to overcome regulatory impediments to increased ethanol use.
- Create new policy options that continue to increase the sustainability of biofuels feedstock production.
- Implement the nation's first comprehensive biofuel market development program.

Established in 1971, the Ethanol Board assists ethanol producers with programs and strategies for marketing ethanol and related co-products. The Board supports organizations and policies that advocate the increased use of ethanol fuels – and administers public information, education and ethanol research projects. The Board also assists companies and organizations in the development of ethanol production facilities in Nebraska. For more information, please visit www.ne-ethanol.org.