

Dear XXXX:

As you know, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently approved a blend of 15 percent ethanol (E15) for use in cars and trucks of Model Year 2001 or later. This is a 50 percent increase from the current allowable amount.

I introduced legislation in this Congress to block the EPA's authority to increase ethanol blends beyond 10 percent. In addition to the environmental and health issues related to this increase, I am concerned that EPA has not adequately considered the negative effects this could have on engines.

To help facilitate my work on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and to address the concerns of my constituents, I would greatly appreciate your response to the following questions:

1. Are you confident that your cars and trucks from model year 2001 and later will not be damaged by or wear more quickly from use of E15?
2. Will your current warranty cover potential problems stemming from the use of E15 in cars and trucks from model year 2001 and later?
3. Will E15 affect the fuel efficiency of your engines?

E15 could become available within the year, and your answers could be of great value in reducing consumer confusion. I appreciate your prompt response. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Bisenius at (202) 225-5101.

Sincerely,

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

Vice-Chairman, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

cc: The Honorable Ralph Hall
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology