

### Ethanol Mandate Only Worsens Pain of Drought

This week, I joined over one hundred bipartisan House members in [urging](#) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to give relief to American ranchers and consumers by utilizing their authority to suspend the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS). The RFS is a federal mandate requiring all gasoline to contain a specified amount of fuel produced from renewable sources. The most commonly used fuel is ethanol, which is produced from corn. With more than 50% of our nation in prolonged drought, this year's corn crop will be severely limited. The RFS mandate will create even more hardships for struggling Americans by raising food prices. Further, livestock producers are experiencing a double blow with higher than average feed prices and a lack of suitable land for livestock to graze.

As much of our nation experiences drought, I believe lifting this government mandate is necessary and commonsense. If the EPA does not take prompt action I will continue to do everything I can in Congress to remove the mandate and lessen the drought's impact on American ranchers and consumers.