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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: USEPA Decision on Ethanol in Gasoline

Dear Mr. President:

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] strongly urges you stop the Environmental Protection Agency from raising the amount of ethanol in our gasoline from today's 10 percent (E10) to 15 percent (E15) - a 50 percent increase. EPA should not act hastily on this issue. It should wait for the results of thorough and objective scientific testing on the impact of E15 on all gasoline-powered engines.

Some corn ethanol companies want to increase by 50% the amount of ethanol that can be blended into gasoline before the science is completed and a determination is made whether it is safe for engines and the environment. It is critical that the federal government follow the science before adding more ethanol to gasoline.

Diluting gasoline with more ethanol could damage the engines and injure the users of millions of boats, cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, chainsaws, lawnmowers, and other outdoor power equipment.

RBOC urges your administration and Congress to wait until independent scientific tests clearly demonstrate that gasoline supplies containing more than 10% ethanol will not pose a risk to our environment, human safety, engines, or rural communities.

RBOC is a nonprofit boater advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 42nd year as a statewide organization promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

Thank you for the opportunity for RBOC to comment on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Anne Sachs

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President