

# Corn Grower Grassroots Action Halts Issuance Of Oxygenate Waiver

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Corn Growers, its 32,000 members and concerned members of Congress can take satisfaction in a job well done.

They persuaded President Clinton not to grant a waiver allowing California an exemption from the federal Re-

formulated Gasoline (RFG) oxygen requirement. NCGA and other ethanol proponents feared Clinton would grant the waiver during his final hours in office.

California officials sought the waiver as a means of eliminating the oxygenate MTBE from the state's gaso-

line supplies. NCGA has been submitting technical information for more than a year showing there is no scientific justification for granting the California waiver.

NCGA and its grassroots members argued effectively that issuing the waiver is bad public policy because:



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- Adequate supplies of clean-burning ethanol exist to fully supply the California market.

- The exemption would adversely affect air quality in California.

- Investment in new ethanol plants would be jeopardized due to the uncertainty this waiver would generate.

"Granting California a waiver never made any sense. I can understand why state officials wanted to remove MTBE from their gasoline supplies, but the waiver would have unfairly hurt ethanol. California would have gotten dirtier air, and the good reputation of ethanol would have been slandered," said NCGA President Lee Klein, a farmer from Battle Creek, Neb.

Klein lauded those congressional members who conveyed the corn and ethanol industry's concerns to the Clinton Administration, particularly Sens. Tom Harkin (D-IA), Tom Daschle (D-SD), and Dick Durbin (D-IL) for extraordinary service on behalf of their farmer constituents.

The National Corn Growers Association mission is to create and increase opportunities for corn growers in a changing world and to enhance corn's profitability and usage. NCGA represents more than 30,000 members, 25 affiliated state corn grower organizations, and the interests of hundreds of thousands of growers who contribute to state checkoff programs.

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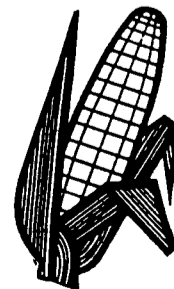


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