



Wisconsin Bio Industry Alliance

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Senators Miller and Plale
Co-Chairs, Senate Select Committee on Clean Energy
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senators Miller and Plale:

On behalf of the members of the Wisconsin Bio Industry Alliance, the largest statewide bio industry non-profit organization in Wisconsin, I would like to register our position on two provisions of the global warming bill.

Together, our members represent thousands of jobs and tens of millions of dollars of revenue for the state. Since taking office Governor Doyle has been one of our strongest advocates and biggest cheerleaders.

With that said, we have serious concerns regarding some of the specific proposals in the 174 page global warming legislation based on recommendations from the Governor's Global Warming Task Force.

The legislation calls for a **Low Carbon Fuel Standard**, which seeks to limit "carbon intensive" fuels that –by definition – include the 500 million gallons of renewable bio fuels produced here in the state.

The bill supports contentions that locally produced bio fuels here in Wisconsin are dirtier than oil imported from foreign countries. In all respect, the WBIA refutes the idea that corn-based ethanol produced here is carbon negative and contributes to Green House Gas Emissions. To the contrary, we agree with the American Lung Association that burning ethanol blends such as E85 reduces GHG Emissions.

The proposed **California Car Low Emission Vehicle Standards** would also require Wisconsin to adopt California's low emission vehicle standards, which penalize drivers operating alternative fuel vehicles that run on higher blends of ethanol.

Wisconsin policy-makers should not adopt the judgments of the California Air Resources Board, which are now subject to a major lawsuit because of their bias against bio fuels.

As an industry, we're confident these issues can be resolved to preserve jobs here in Wisconsin while promoting bio-based renewable fuels such as ethanol and bio diesel.

We welcome the opportunity to provide empirical evidence to support the ideas presented in this letter.

Respectfully,

Robert Sather
Board President, WBIA

cc: Members of the Senate Select Committee on Clean Energy
Roy Thilly and Tia Nelson, Co-Chairs of the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming