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By Electronic Mail

Senator Kevin Bacon
Chairman
Senate Committee on Civil Justice
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Bacon:

Growth Energy, representing 87 American ethanol producers, 89 associate members, and more than 25,000 ethanol supporters, is pleased to submit its support for SB 150 for retailers offering higher blends of renewable fuels.

The ethanol industry is critical to the nation's efforts to achieve energy independence and national security, and to economic recovery for millions of American farm families and their communities. Last year the ethanol industry added \$53 billion to U.S. Gross Domestic Product, saved American consumers billions of dollars at the pump, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and provided for nearly 400,000 direct and indirect jobs in the United States. American-made ethanol now makes up 10 percent of our nation's gasoline supply and is poised to do much more.

Growth Energy is pleased to support legislation that will help retailers in Ohio who already and who plan to offer higher ethanol blends like E15. This important legislation gives retailers who comply with all regulations to safely deliver fuel to Ohio consumers protection from frivolous lawsuits.

We believe this legislation will help provide regulatory certainty for retailers wishing to offer renewable fuels including higher ethanol blends and for that reason, we support SB 150.

Thank you for taking up this important legislation and we look forward to working with you to ensure availability of higher ethanol blends to Ohio motorists.

Sincerely,

Tom Buis
CEO, Growth Energy