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Senator Mark Messmer, Chairman  
Senator Rick Niemeyer, Ranking Member  
Senator Shelli Yoder, Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Environmental Affairs Committee  
200 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
*Via e-mail*

RE: Senate Bill 303

Chairman Messmer, Ranking Member Niemeyer, Ranking Minority Member Yoder, and members of the Environmental Affairs Committee:

Growth Energy is the world's largest association of biofuel producers, representing 89 U.S. plants that each year produce more than 7.5 billion gallons of cleaner-burning, renewable fuel – including seven of Indiana's fourteen biorefineries. We also represent 91 businesses associated with the production process and tens of thousands of biofuel supporters around the country. Together, we remain committed to bring better and more affordable choices at the fuel pump to consumers, help our country diversify our energy portfolio in order to grow more energy jobs, sustain family farms, and drive down the costs of transportation fuels for consumers.

Today, 98 percent of all gasoline sold in the U.S. contains 10 percent ethanol; E15 is now available at 2,300 retail locations in 30 states, and higher biofuel blends like E85 are available at nearly 5000 sites around the country. Currently in Indiana, there are 69 retail locations who have and continue to sell E15 as a legally approved fuel. E15 is approved for all 2001 and newer vehicles representing more than 97% of the vehicle miles traveled on the road today – more than 245 million light-duty vehicles. Consumers have now driven more than 19 billion miles on E15, and retailers have conducted millions of transactions with this fuel. There have been no adverse reports of fuel quality experienced with E15 since first being approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a gasoline a decade ago.

Growth Energy writes to express our concerns with the unnecessary labeling provisions in Senate Bill 303. The U.S. EPA and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) already require labeling for fuels including E15. Further, actions to impose additional labeling at the state and local level are pre-empted by these federal agencies.

Given our experience with retailers around the country offering ethanol blends, we are happy to answer any questions and assist the committee in any way possible. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher D. Bliley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Bliley".

Chris Bliley  
Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs