

July 14, 2009

The Honorable Joseph Crowley  
United States House of Representatives  
2404 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mary Bono-Mack  
United States House of Representatives  
104 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representatives Crowley and Bono-Mack:

Our organizations strongly endorse the Affordable Food and Fuel for America Act.

By gradually shifting subsidies from conventional biofuels to advanced biofuels, the Affordable Food and Fuel for America Act will help accelerate the development of advanced fuels that simultaneously address our food, energy and climate security needs.

Unlike conventional biofuels, which contribute to higher food and feed prices, advanced biofuels will not pit our energy needs against our food security needs. Studies by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Congressional Budget Office, the World Bank, and many other academic, governmental, and non-governmental organizations have concluded that diverting one-third of America's corn crop to our fuel supplies is a significant factor in food price inflation.

After investing nearly \$30 billion in conventional biofuels, America is the world's largest supplier of conventional biofuels. Now is the time to gradually reduce longstanding subsidies and trade protections.

We strongly support the Affordable Food and Fuel for America Act and applaud your efforts to modernize our biofuels policies.

Sincerely,

American Bakers Association  
American Frozen Food Institute  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity Institute  
The Hispanic Institute  
International Dairy Foods Association  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
Snack Food Association