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## **ACE Sets Date for Grassroots Supporters to Fly to DC for Second Annual “Biofuels Beltway March”**

**Sioux Falls, SD** (January 19, 2010) – The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) today released information to its grassroots members announcing the date for the organization’s second annual DC fly-in, the “Biofuels Beltway March.” The event will take place Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23, 2010 on Capitol Hill.

“There has never been a more urgent time to bring grassroots voices to Capitol Hill in support of ethanol,” said Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of ACE. “Policy issues have a profound influence over the success of ethanol, and decisions being made in Washington will determine ethanol’s future success. We want our ACE members to speak directly to these key decision-makers and show the grassroots strength of the ethanol industry.”

Last March, thirty ACE members traveled to Washington, DC and met with more than 70 Members of Congress and with Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to personally deliver messages of support for ethanol and to answer questions about the real-world impacts of ethanol and ethanol policies. The 2009 DC fly-in came just days before ACE and other ethanol groups joined to submit the E15 waiver to the EPA.

The American Coalition for Ethanol is unique among ethanol groups by having an authentic grassroots membership. ACE represents ethanol producers as well as individual farmers, investors, renewable energy supporters, companies that supply goods or services to the ethanol industry, agriculture associations, rural electric cooperatives, lenders, and small businesses. The companies, organizations, and cooperatives in the ACE membership directly employ 1 million Americans and serve approximately 10 million more.

“These people are the true strength of the ethanol industry, and our leaders in Washington need to meet with them and hear the benefits of ethanol first-hand,” Jennings added.

The ethanol supporters will discuss several important issues with Members of Congress, including: the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC, the ethanol tax credit) which expires in 2010 and needs to be extended, EPA’s decision on whether to approve E15 for all vehicles, the “Choice Act” which will provide more Flexible Fuel Vehicles and blender pumps, and the continued misinformation campaigns by ethanol’s opponents.

ACE invites all of its members, and all ethanol supporters, to participate in the 2010 Biofuels Beltway March. For more information or to see a schedule of events, visit the “Get Involved” tab on [www.ethanol.org](http://www.ethanol.org) or contact Shannon Gustafson at [sgustafson@ethanol.org](mailto:sgustafson@ethanol.org) or (605) 334-3381 ext. 16. ACE asks that registrations be turned in by March 5.

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*The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) is the grassroots voice of the U.S. ethanol industry, a national advocacy association for the ethanol industry with nearly 1,500 members nationwide, including farmers, ethanol producers, commodity organizations, businesses supplying goods and services to the ethanol industry, rural electric cooperatives, and individuals supportive of increased production and use of ethanol. For more information about ethanol or ACE, visit [www.ethanol.org](http://www.ethanol.org) or call (605) 334-3381.*