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**ACE Applauds Governors' Letter to President Calling for Action
on the E10 Blend Wall, Other Key Issues**

Sioux Falls, SD (February 20, 2009) – The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE), the nation's largest ethanol advocacy organization, today praised a letter written by the Governors' Biofuels Coalition (GBC) to President Obama calling for action on a number of key biofuel-related issues.

"We applaud the Governors' Biofuels Coalition for reaching out to President Obama and emphasizing the need for action on key biofuel issues," said Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of ACE. "Overcoming the fast-approaching E10 blend wall would indeed immediately expand the marketplace for domestically produced ethanol, and expanding the availability of flexible fuel vehicles would allow more American motorists to take advantage of the benefits of higher ethanol blends. These are critical issues which deserve action today."

The letter, written by GBC Chairman John Hoeven, Governor of North Dakota, and Vice Chairman Chet Culver, Governor of Iowa, states:

"We believe that biofuels can help reduce our dependency on foreign oil. Our vision for the next decade includes steps that would eliminate our dependency on high-carbon imported oil. We respectfully ask you to act quickly to address the issues below and help to achieve this vision."

The issues in the letter include:

- **Articulate a vision for the nation's biofuels future.** "Misinformation from entrenched interests has done a great disservice to America. A continued, straight-forward message from your Administration to the American people on the role of biofuels is necessary."
- **Establish an interagency task force to sort fact from fiction regarding the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and transportation fuels.**
- **Initiate immediate action to overcome the E10 blend wall.**
- **Create new policy options that continue to increase the sustainability of biofuels feedstock production.**
- **Implement the nation's first comprehensive biofuel market development program.** "We must remove E85 market barriers through policies that increase flexible fuel vehicle production and provide funding for meaningful retail marketing efforts. Last year, DOE dedicated only \$4 million to E85 efforts. We hope that this can be enhanced a great deal."

Governors Hoeven and Culver will be available during a news conference at 2:30pm on Monday, February 23 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, to elaborate on the points in the letter. A full version of the letter is attached.

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