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Energy Independence can be Achieved through Fuel Choice

American Coalition for Ethanol Announces Conference Keynote by Anne Korin

Sioux Falls, SD (July 1, 2010) – Energy independence can be achieved when consumers have choices at the pump, according to the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE), a national grassroots advocacy group. ACE announced today that Anne Korin, author and nationally recognized expert, will provide a keynote address on this topic at the organization’s national ethanol conference to be held August 3-5 in Kansas City.

Korin is co-director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security and co-author of “Turning Oil Into Salt: Energy Independence Through Fuel Choice.” She chairs the Set America Free Coalition, an alliance promoting ways to reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil. Korin appears frequently on Capitol Hill and in the media, and her advice is sought by Members of Congress.

“We are so pleased that Anne Korin will be joining us for our national ethanol conference next month to share her expertise on how America can achieve energy independence,” said Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of ACE. “A key tactic outlined in her book is to break oil’s monopoly at the pump, thus breaking its status as a strategic commodity. Fuel choice is the answer, which is why we are fighting hard for the consumer’s right to access flexible fuel vehicles and blender pumps.”

Flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) come from the automaker with small, inexpensive modifications that allow them to run on any blend of fuel from straight gasoline to E85, 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gas. Blender pumps look like standard fuel dispensers but allow the gas station to offer a wider variety of renewable fuel choices to their customers in the same amount of space. View a photo of a blender pump [here](#).

“Our nation’s fuel system is built around petroleum, and if there’s any hope of achieving energy independence, we must start building some flexibility into the fuel system,” Jennings said. “Flexible fuel vehicles and blender pumps will open up the fuel system to competition and allow the consumer to choose, instead of living under the decades-old mandate for 90 percent petroleum in every gallon of gasoline.”

The 23rd annual ACE ethanol conference will be held in Bartle Hall at the Kansas City Convention Center Tuesday, August 3 through Thursday, August 5. Korin’s keynote will take place Wednesday afternoon, August 4. More information about the conference is available online at www.ethanol.org, including registration for the event. ACE encourages registration by July 23 to take advantage of the best pricing.

Other key topics to be covered at the ACE conference include: the future of E15, improving efficiencies in ethanol production, the worsening carbon footprint of petroleum, a timeline for when next-generation ethanol will meet the Renewable Fuels Standard, and more. Click on the “Conference & Trade Show” menu heading on www.ethanol.org to view the full agenda for the event.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the event. Pre-register by contacting Kristin Brekke (kbrekke@ethanol.org) to secure a complimentary media pass.

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