

Dear legislators;

Several of you have promised bills to eliminate the ethanol mandate out of Oregon law. It's been an utter failure. I hope you combine your efforts and succeed this time. It takes more than a gallon of petroleum to make a gallon of alcohol as well as stirring up more dust to add to global warming. It takes extra fuel to transport the corn too. In addition it uses 200 gallons of water to grow the corn for one gallon of alcohol and requires pesticides to control the bugs. The run off from the fields contaminates drinking water and kills fish too. G. W. Bush only intended to make a political ploy in dealing with the Arabs not save gas. He's been out of office for many years. It's time to stop stabbing ourselves.

Remember to add a clause requiring any pump dispensing ethanol contaminated fuel be labeled as such. Then people will not have surprises in their tanks!

1) Raming the E-10 down our throats has been a huge mistake. It is a disaster that costs every Oregonian on everything they buy because of higher transportation costs. Motorists loose 20 percent on mileage and suffer damage to their fuel system of hundreds if not thousands of dollars annually. The experiment should have been carried out a small sample of state owned vehicles before forcing it on the public at large.

2) The state of Idaho did not mandate the use of E-10 yet it's being forced on them because the oil terminals supplying them are in the mandated states of Oregon and Washington. The pumps are not marked in unmandated states so you never know what you are getting until damage is done. People will have to start carrying alcohol detection kits with them when they travel cross country because they will never know what is being put in their tanks.

3) Detroit has a solution for us! Buy our new Flex Fuel vehicles and scrap all the others. Isn't that nice? They don't mention their mileage figures are for E-0 gas and drop at least 20 percent for E-10 gas. New car warranties exclude fuel systems if E-gas is used too.

4) There is a website (Puregas.org) for each state where people can still buy E-0 gas but it is usually premium at an inflated price. Some states don't have any at all and people have to separate the alcohol by pouring water into the gas and letting the alcohol/water mixture settle out if they want to mow the lawn because it ruins all small motors including outboards which cost \$800 for an overhaul.

5) The addition of biodiesel to diesel fuel has problems too. It should be restricted to temperatures above freezing. Truckers especially in cold places are having it congeal in their fuel systems. It's vegetable oil not petroleum.

It's always the little guy that gets hammered first. Look at the jet contrails in the sky where unimportant people are going to unnecessary places. They use a horrendous amounts of fuel each day compared to the autos yet congress doesn't try to curtail their

flying because they are making money and paying taxes.

Electrical power plants use a huge amount of oil compared to drivers yet the new nuclear power plants are not being built. China is planning to build dozens of them. Soon nuclear fuel will be exhausted because the fast breeder reactor was never built. If you remember the fast breeder is supposed to produce more fuel than it uses.

The real cause of our transportation nightmare is the super highway system. People no longer consider the more efficient steel wheels on steel rails when they ship things because trucks haul point to point. In states where there is a 75 mph speed limit or none at all the big trucks roll down the inside lanes at 80 and 90 mph while the cars cower in the right hand lane yet no one has instituted a national 60 mph speed limit. People used to live in the towns where they worked but the new fast roads let people commute long distances and waste gas. It's an expensive convenience.

The whole E-10 fiasco was an attempt to sidestep the problems but it did the opposite. The problems remain. If we start a program encouraging people to inflate their tires we could do more to save gas than any contaminants people can devise.

Yours truly,

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CARBON IS TO USE LESS FUEL.
TAKING OUT THE ETHANOL WOULD
SAVE 20%