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Senate Puts America on More Secure Energy Path

Washington – Today, the U.S. Senate passed an amended energy bill that includes an expansion of the Renewable Fuels Standard to 36 billion gallons of annual renewable fuel use by 2022. The bill must first pass the House of Representatives once more before President Bush can sign it.

Following Senate passage of this energy bill, Renewable Fuels Association President Bob Dinneen issued the following statement:

“The Senate took a big step forward in making this nation more energy stable and environmentally sustainable. By passing energy legislation that couples the benefits of renewable fuels with conservation measures like higher vehicle efficiencies, Congress will deliver to the American people the map to chart a new energy direction in this country.

“For too long, traditional energy companies have told us everything we can’t do with respect to our energy future. This bill, and the Renewable Fuels Standard specifically, is an affirmation of what is possible when we work together to achieve a common goal. By relying more heavily on domestically produced renewable fuels, including next generation technologies such as cellulosic ethanol, we can begin the hard work necessary to mitigate the impact of global climate changes, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and leave a more stable and sustainable future for generations that follow.”

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