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**COMMISSIONER STAPLES' RESPONSE TO EPA DECISION REGARDING WAIVER OF
RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD MANDATE**

"I am disappointed in the Environmental Protection Agency's decision. To be perfectly clear, agriculture has a leading role to play in lessening our nation's dependency on foreign oil. However, our renewable fuel's policy should not be driven by government mandates that are not sustainable, but rather by consumer preference and choice."

"Hopefully this will be a wake-up call to our federal government to promote future policies that ensure the sustainability of both our energy and food security in the long- and short-term. As we develop these sound policies, we must resist the urge to regulate ourselves out of free market solutions. Our government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers."

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