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To partially waive the renewable fuel standard when corn inventories are low.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOODLATTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To partially waive the renewable fuel standard when corn inventories are low.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PARTIAL WAIVER.**

4 Paragraph (7) of section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(7)) is amended by adding the fol-
6 lowing at the end thereof:

7 “(G) CONSIDERATION OF CORN INVEN-
8 TORIES.—

1 “(i) DETERMINATIONS REGARDING
2 CORN STOCKS-TO-USE RATIO.—Not later
3 than August 1 and the end of November
4 each year, the Administrator shall deter-
5 mine and publish the United States corn
6 stocks-to-use ratio for the current crop
7 year—

8 “(I) in consultation with the Sec-
9 retary of Agriculture; and

10 “(II) based on the most recent
11 publication of the World Agricultural
12 Supply and Demand Estimate or
13 other similar authoritative estimate
14 issued by the Secretary of Agriculture.

15 “(ii) WAIVER.—Based on the Admin-
16 istrator’s most recent determination under
17 clause (i), the Administrator shall waive
18 the requirements of paragraph (2) by re-
19 ducing the national quantity of renewable
20 fuel otherwise required for a period in ac-
21 cordance with the following table:

“U.S. Corn Stocks-to-Use Ratio for the Current Crop Year (percent)	Reduction in national quantity of re- newable fuel required
Above 10.0	No adjustment
10.0-7.5	10 percent reduction
7.49-6.0	15 percent reduction
5.99-5.0	25 percent reduction
Below 5.0	50 percent reduction

1 “(iii) DURATION.—A waiver granted
2 under clause (ii)—

3 “(I) based on a determination re-
4 quired by clause (i) to be made by the
5 end of November, shall be effective for
6 the following calendar year; and

7 “(II) based on a determination
8 required by clause (i) to be made by
9 August 1, shall take effect 30 days
10 from the date of publication of the de-
11 termination and shall (in place of the
12 waiver under subclause (I)) be effec-
13 tive for the remainder of such cal-
14 endar year.

15 “(iv) ADJUSTMENT OF RENEWABLE
16 FUEL OBLIGATION.—Upon granting any
17 waiver under clause (ii) reducing the na-
18 tional quantity of renewable fuel required
19 for a period to which paragraph (3) ap-
20 plies, the Administrator shall adjust the re-
21 newable fuel obligation determined under
22 paragraph (3) in proportion to such reduc-
23 tion.

24 “(v) NO EFFECT ON REQUIRED VOL-
25 UME OF ADVANCED BIOFUEL.—A waiver

1 granted under this subparagraph reducing
2 the national quantity of renewable fuel re-
3 quired for a period shall not affect the vol-
4 ume of advanced biofuel required under
5 paragraph (2). The Administrator shall not
6 allow any volume of conventional biofuel to
7 be used to satisfy the requirement for ad-
8 vanced biofuel under paragraph (2).

9 “(vi) PUBLICATION.—The Adminis-
10 trator shall publish each waiver under
11 clause (ii) in the Federal Register, includ-
12 ing an explanation of the basis for the
13 waiver.”.