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Senator Tom Coburn
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

NPRA, the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, writes today in support of your efforts to end the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC) through both amendment number 220 to S. 493, the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Bill, and the bill you recently introduced with Senator Cardin, S. 520. The Association has a long history of opposing mandates and subsidies and this opposition extends to the VEETC. The VEETC is an unnecessary subsidy, particularly given the federal Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) requirement to blend 36 billion gallons of biofuels into the fuel supply by 2022.

Sincerely,

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