

**COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**  
U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello

*Markup for H.R. 3834 and H.R. 3199*

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**  
**10:00 AM to 12:00 AM**  
**2318 Rayburn House Office Building**

- As a strong supporter of renewable fuel standards and progress toward higher ethanol blends on the market, I cannot support the legislation we are considering today.
  
- Ethanol plays a central role in meeting our nation's energy needs and industry has been working toward introducing E15 to consumers for years, conducting multiple reviews to test its immediate and long-term impact on the environment and motor vehicles. In fact, the Department of Energy conducted over a 1000 vehicle emissions tests when reviewing the E15 waivers.
  
- The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which enacted the Renewable Fuels Standards, passed with overwhelmingly bipartisan support.

- Should H.R. 3199 be signed into law, it will delay the ethanol industry and EPA's work by approximately 19 months, a delay that is both unnecessary and costly to the ethanol industry and the 400,000 jobs that depend on ethanol expansion.
  
- Full implementation of the current renewable fuel standard will require a well-balanced renewable fuels portfolio that includes ethanol blends higher than 10%. Meeting the RFS is necessary to wean our nation off of cost-prohibitive energy resources that increase costs for consumers, pollute our environment, and send jobs overseas.
  
- E15 still has additional testing and regulations to meet before it can be made widely available for retail sale. EPA must continue to work closely with Congress, the biofuels industry, and other stakeholders to ensure it is cost-effective, environmentally sustainable and, most importantly, safe for everyone on the road.

➤ I welcome continued discussion on boosting our domestic energy production and I yield back the balance of my time.