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## **NBB Applauds Conrad/Grassley Letter**

### *Domestic Industry Backs Senators' Call to Implement RFS-2 Biodiesel Targets*

**WASHINGTON, DC:** The National Biodiesel Board (NBB), the trade association for the U.S. biodiesel industry, today applauded U.S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) and U.S. Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) for spearheading the effort to ensure that the volume requirements for Biomass-based Diesel are met.

The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007 expanded the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS-2) and for the first time provided a specific requirement for renewable, low carbon diesel replacement fuel. RFS-2 requires the use of 500 million gallons of Biomass-based Diesel in 2009; 650 million gallons in 2010; 800 million gallons in 2011; and 1 billion gallons in 2012. However, the Biomass-based Diesel volumes required by law have not been implemented due to delays in RFS-2 rulemaking process.

In their letter to President Obama, Senators Conrad and Grassley were joined by 22 of their Senate colleagues in asking the Administration to take interim steps to implement the 2009 and 2010 Biomass-based Diesel volumes as required by the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS-2).

“The NBB thanks Senator Conrad, Senator Grassley and the 22 like-minded Senators who signed this common sense letter for highlighting this issue of vital importance to the domestic biodiesel industry,” said Manning Feraci, NBB’s Vice President of Federal Affairs. “Biodiesel stakeholders have made vital business and economic decisions based on the fuel volumes required in RFS-2, and we wholeheartedly share the view expressed in the letter that the Administration should use the authority it has under current law to take timely, interim steps to implement the 2009 and 2010 volume requirement for Biomass-based Diesel.”

Click [Here](#) to read the letter with the Senators’ signatures to President Obama.

The NBB is the national trade association of the biodiesel industry and is the coordinating body for biodiesel research and development in the U.S. NBB’s membership is comprised of state, national, and international feedstock and feedstock processor organizations, biodiesel suppliers, fuel marketers and distributors, and technology providers.

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