

EXHIBIT 20  
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HB 464

TO: Representative Bob Bergren and the Agriculture Committee:

Please consider adding the following amendment to HB 464:

**Amend HB 464 to mandate that 91 octane gasoline shall be exempted from ethanol blending and continued for sale in all current outlets.**

This is the "language" that we would like to see for the amendment to HB 464. This amendment would guarantee that one grade (91 octane) of ethanol-free fuel would be made available to those who own motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles, classic cars, airplanes, and any other carbureted vehicle in the state of Montana.

Availability is THE issue! Users from these groups above must be able to purchase an ethanol-free fuel at their local service station. Since we're only talking about 10%, or less, of the total fuel sold in Montana, this should be a non-issue. Put another way....is this 10% worth the opposition that this bill faces which could generate an e-mail campaign to defeat the bill? We think not.

The special interest user groups are going to be quite vocal in their efforts to defeat both ethanol bills if 91 octane ethanol-free gasoline is not readily available. On the other hand, the amendment above turns opponents into proponents and paves the way for legislation that benefits the agricultural community without causing undue harm to others in our state. Why not introduce a simple but effective compromise that accomplishes everything that Representative Bergren and the Governor are asking for and at the same time addresses the complaints of those who will oppose this legislation?

Thank you for your consideration!

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