

TO: Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

RE: In the Matter of **Senate Bill 293**

As one of many voters in Montana who require an easy access to at least one grade of **ethanol-free gasoline**, I am asking you to **amend SB 293** as follows:

Ethanol blending. When ethanol is blended with gasoline AND LABELED AS AN ETHANOL PRODUCT for consumer sale:

The ratio of ethanol to gasoline may not be less than:

- (A) 10% anhydrous ethanol; FOR GASOLINE WITH AN ANTIKNOCK INDEX NUMBER OF LESS THAN 87; AND**
- (B) 4.5% anhydrous ethanol: FOR GASOLINE WITH AN ANTIKNOCK INDEX NUMBER OF 87 OR GREATER BUT LESS THAN 91**

The language in this amendment is taken directly from **HB 674**. This will insure that gasoline stations currently selling 91 octane gasoline will continue to make this grade available as "ethanol-free".

Montanans deserve a **choice**...not a complete mandate. Thank you for your consideration.