



Feb. 18, 2013

The Honorable Roger Wicker U.S. Senate 555 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear U.S. Sen. Wicker:

The American Motorcyclist Association supports S. 344 and thanks you and U.S. Sen. David Vitter for introducing the bill.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the premier advocate of the motorcycling community, representing the interests of millions of on- and off-highway motorcyclists. Our mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling.

As you know, S. 344 would overturn the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency waivers that allowed gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol (E15) to be used in certain vehicles. In October 2010, the EPA approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light duty vehicles to the approved list.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available, and has asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15. Moreover, use of E15 may even void the manufacturer's warranty.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations may choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline because of this action by the EPA. This should concern all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts since it may affect the availability of gasoline with less or no ethanol (E10 or E0).

Again, thank you for introducing S. 344 and supporting motorcyclists. We look forward to working with you again on all motorcycle-related issues before Congress.

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