

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 2, 2007

Mr. Michael Cleary
Chairman
National Conference on Weights & Measures
15245 Shady Grove Rd., Suite 130
Rockville, MD, 20850

Dear Mr. Cleary:

We are writing to strongly urge you and your colleagues to vote on the issue of temperature adjusted fuel standards during the 92nd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Weights & Measures on July 8-12, 2007. American consumers have for far too long suffered from unfair petroleum industry practices, whereby gasoline sold at the retail level is not adjusted for fluctuations in energy content based on temperature. Our constituents demand and deserve fair prices for gasoline, and we expect that the Conference will address this critically important issue.

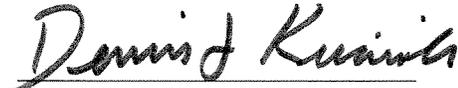
As you noted in your June 8, 2007 testimony before the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's Domestic Policy Subcommittee, the issue of temperature compensation is nothing new. In fact, it dates back to the 1900s, when Standard Oil Trust commissioned an American Petroleum Institute study to standardize a gallon of petroleum product. The study was finished in 1917, and since that time the industry has used a 60 degree standard for all wholesale transactions. Retail transactions, however, get no such adjustment. This is simply unacceptable. As you are aware, a recent report conducted by Subcommittee staff indicates that this practice will cost the American consumer an estimated \$1.5 billion in the summer of 2007 alone.

We appreciate the historical perspective you provided in your June 8 testimony. We understand that barriers existed when the issue of temperature adjustment was last raised in the 1974 National Conference; however, technology currently available would allow a seamless transition to a system that allows for temperature adjustment at the retail level. As you know, such technology is nearly universal in Canada, and could easily be implemented here as well. Further, the cost of installing new technology simply does not outweigh the benefits to consumers. As was made clear in the June 8 hearing, gasoline retailers currently upgrade pump technology on a regular basis, and changing the technology as a part of this process would not impose a large financial burden.

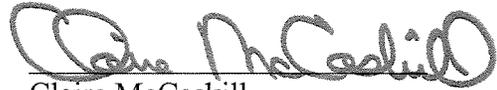
We understand that voting members of the National Conference will be faced with opposition to addressing the issue of temperature adjusted retail fuel volumes in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 130; however, we strongly urge you to address this vitally important issue now. We will be following this issue

closely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jaron Bourke in Congressman Kucinich's office at (202) 225-6427.

Sincerely,



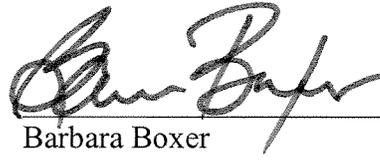
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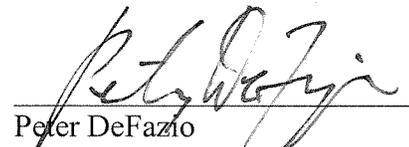
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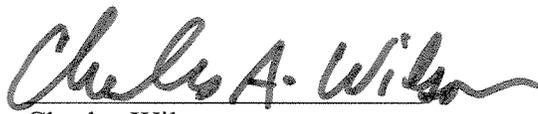
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