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117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the corn ethanol mandate for  
renewable fuel.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. RICE of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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mandate for renewable fuel.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Corn Ethanol Mandate  
5       Elimination Act of 2022”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8               (1) Ukraine accounts for 16 percent of global  
9       corn exports and 12 percent of wheat exports.

1           (2) The United States could more than com-  
2       pensate for the loss of Ukraine's exports by divert-  
3       ing crops that are to be made into biofuels into food  
4       production instead.

5           (3) Almost 70 percent of all United States  
6       grain production is corn, but almost half is formu-  
7       lated into ethanol to drive cars and trucks.

8           (4) Converting corn into fuel happens only be-  
9       cause of a mass of Federal regulations and subsidies  
10      that began during the Carter administration.

11          (5) While ethanol may have small environ-  
12      mental advantages over gasoline, the benefits are  
13      nullified by ethanol's toll on world food output.

14      (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
15      gress that the Federal Government should not be  
16      incentivizing farmers to grow corn for ethanol while Rus-  
17      sia's invasion of Ukraine is jeopardizing the lives of  
18      Ukraine's citizens and is on track to cause a severe mal-  
19      nutrition across the world. As this supply is cut off, food  
20      prices which are already at record levels, will increase at  
21      a time when the economic fallout from the pandemic is  
22      already harming household budgets, particularly in low-  
23      income countries.

1 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF CORN ETHANOL MANDATE FOR**  
2 **RENEWABLE FUEL.**

3 (a) REMOVAL OF TABLE.—Section 211(o)(2)(B)(i) of  
4 the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(2)(B)(i)) is amend-  
5 ed by striking subclause (I).

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
7 211(o)(2)(B) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 7545(o)(2)(B)) is amended—

9 (1) in clause (i)—

10 (A) by redesignating subclauses (II)  
11 through (IV) as subclauses (I) through (III),  
12 respectively;

13 (B) in subclause (I) (as so redesignated),  
14 by striking “of the volume of renewable fuel re-  
15 quired under subclause (I),”; and

16 (C) in subclauses (II) and (III) (as so re-  
17 designated), by striking “subclause (II)” each  
18 place it appears and inserting “subclause (I)”;  
19 and

20 (2) in clause (v), by striking “clause (i)(IV)”  
21 and inserting “clause (i)(III)”.

22 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Nothing in this section or the  
23 amendments made by this section affects the volumes of  
24 advanced biofuel, cellulosic biofuel, or biomass-based diesel  
25 that are required under section 211(o) of the Clean Air  
26 Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)).