

### Sample Letter to the Editor

(Feel free to personalize with local facts, stories and references.)

The [NAME OF LOCAL PAPER or Associated Press] published a biased hit piece on ethanol entitled, “The Secret, Dirty Cost of Obama’s Green Power Push”, [DATE]. The article turns a blind eye to the environmental impact of oil while vilifying ethanol and all those who support it.

The reporter intentionally omitted facts such as no new grassland has been converted to cropland since 2005 and grassland sequestered 14% more carbon in 2011 than in 1990 according to EPA’s latest Greenhouse Gas Inventory. The increase in corn acres in 2012 & 2013 has been achieved through crop-switching, not through cultivation of new, non-agricultural land like prairie. Average corn ethanol reduces GHG emissions by 34% compared to gasoline, according to the Argonne National Laboratory. And a 56-pound bushel of corn creates 17 lbs. of animal feed while also creating 2.8 gallons of ethanol.

Not only are these important facts missing, there is not a single reference to the real environmental culprit, Big Oil. Where is the discussion of the damaging effects of fracking in Bakken oil fields or worse yet the tar sands of Canada? Here’s another fact: Americans have a choice. Dirty Oil or ethanol -- a less expensive, high octane, domestic renewable fuel. The choice is clear.

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