

*Veterans Working to Ensure  
National Security through Energy Security*

## On Point: The Need to Fix the Renewable Fuel Standard

A major issue that impacts all Arkansans is the Renewable Fuel Standard (“RFS”). The goal of the RFS was to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. However, it has had significant negative consequences and proposed changes to the blending mandates, which include using up to 15% ethanol, could spell disaster for consumers and the economy as a whole. Currently, 40% of all corn produced in the United States is used for ethanol. This has caused a significant uptick in corn prices which has increased the operating costs of Arkansas cattle farmers who depend on corn for feed. Ethanol-blended gasoline is also more expensive and has a lower fuel economy. As a result, it is estimated that the U.S. gross domestic product has decreased by over \$770 billion and worker take-home pay has decreased by \$580 billion. We encourage you and members of your communities to contact your legislators and request that the RFS be repealed.

## Pryor, Cotton, and State Legislators Visit Welspun Tubular

Senator Mark Pryor and Congressman Tom Cotton joined Arkansas legislators and industry leaders at Welspun Tubular’s facilities in Little Rock recently to support the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline. Welspun Tubular was contracted by TransCanada to manufacture the steel pipe that will be used in the construction of the pipeline. Most recently, the Obama administration again delayed the pipeline’s approval citing legal issues at the state level that needed to be resolved before approval could be given.



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Greetings from Vets4Energy! I know as a veteran you are concerned, as I am, about the effect our nation’s energy security has on our national security. I hope that you find this newsletter informative and useful. Please join me and other veterans... speak out... promote energy security for our state and our nation.

## BOEM Letters from Vets

If you would like to join vets sending letters to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) encouraging the opening of our Outer Continental Shelf that contains a wealth of oil and natural gas, please call us. We will send you a letter (with an addressed and stamped envelope) that you can sign and send to BOEM encouraging them to take action. Call us at Vets4Energy today and speak with Tyler or Angi at (501) 623-7300.