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EPA Finally Doing the Right Thing on Reformulated Gas Requirement
Walker Calls On Politicians in Madison to Follow the Federal Government's
Lead and Not Mandate the Use of Ethanol

(Wauwatosa,) Milwaukee County Executive and Candidate for Governor Scott Walker applauded the decision by the Environmental Protection Agency to lift the reformulated gas requirement in Wisconsin. Walker also called on his former legislative colleagues to hold true to conservative principles and not mandate the use of ethanol statewide.

“Mandates hurt Wisconsin’s working families, and whether they are from Washington or Madison, we as fiscal conservatives should oppose them,” said Walker. “While I am not opposed to the use of ethanol, I believe the decision should be consumer driven, and not mandated by Madison.”

Walker differentiated himself from his two opponents, Congressman Mark Green and Governor Jim Doyle, at a recent appearance at the WisPolitics.com gubernatorial forum, when he said he would oppose the ten percent ethanol mandate legislation currently being considered by the state legislature.

Specifically, removing the oxygenated fuel requirement will not mean an immediate end to the use of oxygenated fuels in Southeastern Wisconsin; however it is a step in the right direction according to Walker. EPA’s decision will make it easier for suppliers to deal with supply problems and hopefully help keep prices down during times of fuel shortages.

At a time when the federal government is removing one of its oxygenated fuel mandates, Walker questioned why the state of Wisconsin would actually impose a new one.

“We must work cooperatively to promote the use of ethanol and agricultural based fuels in the marketplace without government intrusion,” Walker said. “Unfortunately my two opponents, Mark Green and Jim Doyle, do not support the free market and would rather have government mandates. As your Governor I will work to remove burdensome mandates, not implement new ones.”