



LCFS: Discriminating Against Our North American Allies, Favoring OPEC, Unstable Regions of the World

Canada is our largest energy trading partner by far, with the United States currently importing nearly 1.9 million barrels of crude oil from Canada daily -- on top of an estimated 600,000 barrels daily of refined products. Combined with the volume of energy we import from Mexico, these two countries represent more than 20 percent of America's total daily oil imports.

The Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Would Force U.S. To Slash Energy-Trading Ties With Strategic North American Allies. An LCFS would force American consumers to turn our backs on our North American friends and allies, expanding our dependence on OPEC.

An LCFS Threatens America's Energy Security, Jobs. Our strong trading partnership with Canada and Mexico has helped create and sustain thousands of good-paying American manufacturing jobs. However, under a national LCFS, American energy security and countless domestic jobs would be jeopardized.

Canada's and Mexico's oil is largely produced from sands before coming to the United States to be refined. American energy producers would face stiff penalties from the federal government to process and bring to market these types of North American oil under an LCFS scheme.

Like cap-and-trade, an LCFS is a thinly veiled attempt to raise energy prices even higher. Consumers would be forced to shoulder massive price increases, and businesses and American energy producers would be forced to close their doors, potentially leaving thousands of families without work.

An LCFS Will Make America Less Competitive In The Global Economy. While the president, top administration officials, and many members of Congress continue to assert the imperative of reducing America's dependence on foreign sources of energy, an LCFS would produce the converse effect.

The resources we currently import from Canada and Mexico would be redirected to our global competitors, and emerging economic forces such as China and India would surely welcome the new supply. Consequently, an LCFS would force American consumers to pay even higher prices at the pump, and more for the goods and services that depend on access to affordable energy to be produced.

In short, an LCFS will lead to fewer American jobs and a less competitive position in the global economy, and will make us far less secure.

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Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports the thoughtful utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic and global energy security and stable prices for consumers.