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Dear Bob:

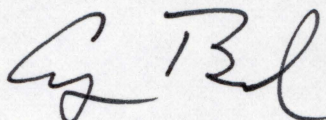
I understand that you will be attending the Illinois Farm Bureau-Illinois Corn Growers Association ethanol rally in Peoria, Illinois on Monday, July 6.

You should know what I said to a group of agricultural reporters in Washington a few days ago: I said that I consider ethanol a great American success story. Ethanol represents the single largest industrial use of corn; and I told the reporters in plain English that I support ethanol.

I also told them that I believe ethanol must become a major player in the fuel market. The Clean Air Act that I signed into law provides new opportunities for ethanol. The Oxygenated Fuels Program established by that clean air law will be up and running this Fall. We want to make sure that ethanol is competitive in the reformulated gasoline program. To encourage ethanol use, I told the group that I support an amendment which makes the gas tax exemption for ethanol proportional to the amount of ethanol used in gasoline. This will allow ethanol blends to compete with other additives. The bottom line is less carbon monoxide for American citizens and more sales for American farmers.

Bob, we are doing our part here in the White House to promote ethanol. My best wishes to you and to all of the participants at this important rally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "GWB", written in a cursive, stylized script.

The Honorable Robert Dole  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510