

CASTLE, SAFEWAY ANNOUNCE CONVERSION OF TRUCK FLEET TO BIOFUEL -- MARCH 20, 2008

Dover, DE -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle was joined by Safeway to highlight the conversion of its entire U.S. truck fleet to cleaner-burning biodiesel fuel. This initiative makes Safeway one of the first major retailers in the U.S. to convert its entire fleet of more than 1,000 trucks to cleaner-burning biodiesel fuel. The decision by Safeway will help reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 75 million pounds annually, the equivalent of taking nearly 7,500 passenger vehicles off the road each year. Rep. Castle has been an advocate for clean transportation fuel among other initiatives for climate change.

"Safeway should be commended for acting as to make a difference in our community," Rep. Castle said. "We have taken a serious first step to reducing the federal carbon emissions standards in this country, requiring 36 billion gallons of biofuels be blended with conventional fuels by 2022 to ease reliance on foreign oil, and directed the Energy Department to set new energy-efficiency standards for lamps and appliances as well as new energy-efficiency standards for buildings. While national action is imperative, local leadership can impact every one of us by changing the way we view energy."

Safeway's biodiesel program is just part of Safeway's extensive Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiative and the company's overall effort to manage its carbon footprint, address climate change and reduce air pollution.

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