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Calls on Senate to Act During Capitol Hill Press Conference

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran this week called on Congress to pass a comprehensive energy policy with an emphasis on renewable fuels, ethanol and soy diesel. Moran made the comments at an event organized by the National Corn Growers Association and the Renewable Fuels Association that featured four-time International Hot Rod Association Funny Car World Champion, Mark Thomas.

"Ethanol is important to America because of our need to become less dependent on foreign energy," Moran said. "Ethanol has a number of benefits including cleaner burning emissions, and it is produced by farmers right here at home. That's a win-win for our country's energy independence and our state's economy."

Kansas currently has six dry-mill ethanol plants in operation, producing 130 million gallons annually. Plans are under way to break ground on a seventh plant in Garnett, Kansas, that will increase production capacity up to 35 million gallons, for a total output in Kansas of 165 million gallons by 2005.

"Energy prices are having a dramatic and adverse effect on Kansans at all levels," Moran said. "Our small business owners, farmers and ranchers and commuters need help now. Congress should act on this immediately before things get any worse. We cannot afford the alternative."

A comprehensive energy policy passed in the U.S. House of Representatives twice but has become stalled in the U.S. Senate. Moran supports a national energy policy that promotes renewable energy.

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