

# COMMODITY MARKETS OVERSIGHT COALITION

An Alliance of Commodity Derivatives End-Users and Consumers

March 17, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned members of the Commodity Markets Oversight Coalition (CMOC) write you today regarding your search for a candidate to replace outgoing Commissioner Michael Dunn of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

The CMOC is an independent, non-partisan and non-profit alliance of groups that represent commodity-dependent industries, businesses and end-users, including American consumers, that rely on functional, transparent and competitive commodity derivatives markets as a hedging and price discovery tool. The CMOC advocates in favor of government policies that promote stability and confidence in the commodities markets, that seek to prevent fraud, manipulation and excessive speculation, and that preserve the interests of *bona fide* hedgers and consumers.

We have learned that Commissioner Dunn does not plan on serving another term when his current term expires on June 19, 2011. Our coalition commends the Commissioner for his years of distinguished service to our nation.

As you consider a candidate to succeed Commissioner Dunn, we urge you and the Congress to consider only those who believe:

- That the commodity derivatives markets were established to serve the needs of *bona fide* commercial hedgers and to discover prices for commodities that are reflective of real-world supply and demand fundamentals;
- That the CFTC should use all tools and authorities at its disposal to carry out its mission of protecting market participants and the American public from fraud, manipulation and the burdens of excessive speculation; and
- That the derivative market reforms included in Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010 should be fully enacted and vigorously enforced in order to meet the CFTC's mission and to return stability, transparency and confidence to the commodity markets.

When commodities are subject to excessive volatility and unwarranted price spikes, American businesses, consumers and the broader economic recovery is placed in serious jeopardy. For this reason it is essential that your nominee acknowledge the importance of open, competitive and functional markets that serve the needs of Main Street before Wall Street and LaSalle Street.

We are confident that you will agree and we wish you well in your deliberations. Thank you for your consideration and we remain at your disposal if you wish to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,

Air Transport Association  
American Feed Industry Association  
Colorado/Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association  
Consumer Federation of America  
Consumer Watchdog  
Food & Water Watch  
Florida Petroleum Marketers Association  
Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey  
Gasoline & Automotive Service Dealers of America  
Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association  
Industrial Energy Consumers of America  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Louisiana Oil Marketers & Convenience Store Association  
Massachusetts Oilheat Council  
Maine Energy Marketers Association  
Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association  
National Association of Oilheating Service Managers  
National Association of Shell Marketers  
National Association of Truckstop Operators  
National Family Farm Coalition  
National Farmers Union  
National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association  
New England Fuel Institute  
New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association  
New York Oil Heating Association  
Oil Heat Institute of Long Island  
Oil Heat Council of New Hampshire  
Oil Heat Institute of Rhode Island  
The Organization for Competitive Markets  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association Kansas  
Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores of Iowa  
Public Citizen  
R-CALF USA  
Utah Petroleum Marketers & Retailers Association  
Vermont Fuel Dealers Association  
West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association

cc: The Honorable Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry  
Senator Pat Roberts, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry  
Senator Sherrod Brown, Chairman, Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition & Family Farms  
Senator Richard Lugar, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition & Family Farms  
Representative Frank D. Lucas, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture  
Representative Collin Peterson, Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture  
Representative K. Michael Conaway, Chairman, Subcommittee on General Farm  
Commodities and Risk Management  
Representative Leonard Boswell, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on General Farm  
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