

Members of the House Taxation Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to hear HB2012. This is very important legislation for our state's health! My husband Phil and I are the proud owners of Jump Start, but today I'm testifying as a cancer survivor about the benefits of our fuel when it comes to your health.

- I've testified in front of the EPA as a breast cancer survivor about the health benefits of adding ethanol to our fuel. I've also gone to Capitol Hill, educating lawmakers.
- Because of JFK Jr. I'm hearing many people talking about what's in our food. Lots of discussions about eating less processed food, and reading food labels. Many ingredients on those processed foods, the average American can pronounce or identify.
- Ever wonder what's in our fuel? 400 chemicals that change daily, from refinery to refinery. Some are cancer causing like, benzene, toluene and xylene.
- Ethanol replaced very toxic MTBE as an octane booster and oxygenate. MTBE causes ground contamination issues. Mexico this day still uses MTBE.
- So the more ethanol in our fuel, the less harmful aromatics
- Years ago we worked on campaigns like "Stop at the Click" and "fuel when it's cool" during ozone alerts, we'd give a fuel discount. "Stop at the click" was educating people to not tap off their gas tanks. Our cars have a vapor recovery system, it hold the harmful vapors in if don't overfill your tank. If the vapors are released, you're not only breathing them in, you're releasing them into the atmosphere.
- Ethanol also drastically reduces emissions. E30 reduces emissions over E0/no ethanol gas
- The more ethanol in your fuel, the less harmful aromatics.

Thank you,

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