

Fueled By South Dakota

By Rep. Kristi Noem

It might surprise many of us, but there are a lot of people out in D.C. who don't seem to know the difference between South Dakota and North Dakota. I know my counterpart in North Dakota often gets the question: "Is that the state with Mount Rushmore?" No, that's South Dakota. For me, the question is: "Are you the state with all of that oil?" No, that's North Dakota, but while North Dakota has all that oil, South Dakota's corn and soybean production plays its own role in America's energy security.

Every year, South Dakota harvests more than 400 million bushels of corn and 100 million bushels of soybeans. These commodities provide a pathway toward North American energy independence that can help boost our economy and our national security.

Today, about one-third of the petroleum used in the United States is imported from foreign countries, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Most of this petroleum is refined into gas or diesel. Especially with conflicts arising in energy-rich areas of our world, the need to decrease our reliance on foreign fuels grows every single day. Now is the time to double down on domestic energy production, but unfortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is looking to let off the gas.

In early 2014, the EPA proposed new Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volumes. These volume requirements, which impact corn-based ethanol and biodiesel alike, tell refineries how many gallons of renewable fuels should be blended into our overall sup-

ply. This gives both farmers and consumers more certainty and greater price stability.

The EPA's initial proposal was very disappointing, as the agency moved to significantly roll back our commitment to ethanol and biodiesel. Not only could this curb production, but the move would send the wrong message to investors, risk jobs, and threaten the creation of more developed biofuels.

I, along with a bipartisan group of 30 lawmakers, reached out to the EPA shortly after their announcement. It was important that they reverse course.

When the final numbers were announced in late November, the RFS remained beneath the levels I believe are appropriate. Nonetheless, the EPA did adjust the requirements at least slightly higher because of the pressure we put on them.

Especially at a time when the Middle East remains so volatile, our commitment to homegrown renewable fuels should not be in doubt. While the EPA is backing down, I am not. In recent weeks, I introduced an extension of the biodiesel tax credit. This legislation would ensure that domestically produced biodiesel was given a \$1-per-gallon tax credit through the end of 2016. The legislation has bipartisan support and I'm hopeful it can be wrapped into an end-of-the-year tax extenders package.

My number one responsibility is to keep the American people safe - protecting economic opportunities comes in at a close second. By throwing our support behind homegrown fuels rather than foreign oil, we are accomplishing both and creating a nation that is fueled by South Dakota in the process.

Dave Says

Is loaning or giving helping?

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
The guy who has been my best friend since grade school recently asked me to loan him \$5,000. All I have in savings is \$5,000, but I would be willing to give him \$1,000. The problem is that while he's a great friend with a good heart, he's always getting himself into binds when it comes to money. Do you think I should give him \$1,000?

Israel

Dear Israel,
If I were in your shoes, and I was going to give this guy a fifth of everything I had, I'd want to know it was going to save his life. From what you've said, it sounds like he's just out of control with his money while you're trying to save. That being the case, I'm not sure you'd really be helping him.

If you want to gift your friend some money, then do it. But there's no way I'd tell you to give him everything you've managed to save. And I certainly wouldn't do it as a loan.

Ask yourself if you believe deep down in your heart that giving this guy \$1,000 would truly be a blessing to him or if, by doing it, you'd be acting as an enabler and basically just funding more of his stupidity with money. From what you've told me, I think there's a good chance the answer is the latter. And if that's the case, you can be a much better friend by saying you love him enough to not ruin your friendship.

—Dave

CONFIRMATION OF PAYOFF?

Dear Dave,



Dave RAMSEY

After struggling with it for several years, I finally made the last payment on my Sallie Mae student loans this week. Do you think I should ask for a formal letter stating that it's officially paid off?

Angela

Dear Angela,
Congratulations on finally kicking that old woman out of your house! It feels great, doesn't it?

Sure, it couldn't hurt anything to write and request formal confirmation that the book on your loans is closed and everything is paid in

full. You can do this through email so you'll have a record of contact, or you can send a certified letter, return receipt requested, through the post office. That way, you'll have a record they signed for it.

Following up on paid-off debts is always a good idea, Angela. You don't want the hassle of possibly having to deal with greedy or incompetent collectors sniffing around three or four years down the road and no way to prove you're free and clear!

—Dave

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Verizon announces Hopeline Grant

SIOUX FALLS – U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler and Krista Heeren-Graber, executive director of the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (The Network) announced today grants of \$25,000 from the Hopeline® from Verizon program to further rural advocate's victim outreach throughout the state of South Dakota. The announcement was made during the first day of the Sexual Violence Institute Conference, Dec. 2-4 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

The majority of the Verizon grant, \$20,000, will be used to help cover travel expenses for advocates who provide outreach and services to victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families in rural areas of South Dakota. The remaining \$5,000 is underwriting the Dec. 2 conference luncheon for more than 250 attendees who provide prevention and other services to those individuals impacted by sexual violence.

"Without rural advocacy, there would be few options for services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault," said Heeren-Graber. "Each year, advocates travel over 85,000 miles to provide services for victims/survivors in 66 South Dakota counties, of which 40 have no local services. This grant will provide critical funding so we can insure these services continue."

Seiler added that, "Providing safety for South Dakota families is a top priority, and this grant is incredibly helpful to the advocates who deliver those services. A victim's address shouldn't dictate whether they receive services, and rural outreach is a vital component in reaching those folks. I commend Verizon for being an important partner in these efforts."

In 2014, rural advocates provided 4,368 individuals throughout the state with services. Those services included: victims' children; legal support and accompaniment to court; criminal justice support with law enforcement and courts; crisis intervention through crisis phone calls, crisis counseling and crisis shelter; support with sexual assault exams; counseling/support groups and adult victim groups; transportation to appointments or to safe shelter; and victim advocacy.

Since 2011, Verizon has provided more than \$107,000 in grants to The Network in South Dakota. Previous grants focused on prevention education for teen dating violence. From March 2011 to November 2015, 500 presentations were offered to 12,594 student's ages elementary to college across the state of South Dakota by member programs. Presentations covered healthy relationships, dating violence, bystander intervention, and resources for help.

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The Network programs offering rural advocacy include:

- Aberdeen – Safe Harbor
- Brookings – Domestic Abuse Center in Brookings
- Flandreau – Wholeness Center
- Mitchell – Safehouse
- Pierre – Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center
- Redfield – Family Crisis Center
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