



# Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition

Advocating for Public Policies to Promote the Development & Production of Alternative Fuels, Renewable Chemicals, Biobased Products, and Sustainable Aviation Fuels

## AFCC News & Reports – March 2020 #1: AFCC's March 2020 Hill Actions

**In addition to its advocacy** for full FY2021 funding for the federal programs important to Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition (AFCC) members (see [AFCC's FY2021 Appropriation Requests](#)), AFCC also took part in two other Hill actions in early March 2020:

### **1. The House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change** of the Committee on Energy and Commerce **held a hearing on March 4, 2020.**

The hearing was entitled, "*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reform: Addressing America's Plastic Waste Crisis.*"

**AFCC submitted a letter to the leadership team for the Committee / Subcommittee and went on record, emphasizing the sustainable renewable sourcing of renewable chemicals and bioplastics.**



Specifically, AFCC emphasized the synthesis of bioplastics which are commercially available and can be used as single use without being a pollutant.

The hearing link can be found at: <https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-reduce-reuse-recycle-reform-addressing-americas-plastic-waste>.

AFCC's letter can be viewed [here](#).

### **2. Senate Energy Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Ranking Member Senator Joe Manchin III (D-WV) released their long-awaited bipartisan energy bill** on February 27, 2020.

The measure marks the latest attempt to pass sweeping energy legislation (S.2657), the **American Energy Innovation Act (AEIA)**, after more than a decade of inaction on Capitol Hill.

**The bill saw floor debate the first week of March with amendments.** AFCC awaits the status on the amendments and whether the bill passes the Senate and moves to the House.



In response to these Hill actions:

- The Chamber of Commerce collected a letter signed by 39 organizations in support of AEIA, which was delivered to Senate offices before the floor debate to support the bill.
- **AFCC is a signatory on the letter.**
- The letter can be viewed [here](#).
- The signatories agree and recognize that climate change is an important national priority that demands Congressional attention and promote American technologies.

**Also:**

- **Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced several energy tax amendments, one specifically important to both renewable chemicals and biofuels**, to the Master Limited Partnership (MLP) for renewable energy publicly traded partnerships (see [Sec. 4014 in the section-by-section summary, page 3](#)).



Generally, publicly traded partnerships are treated and taxed as corporations. However, partnerships that earn income from certain qualifying sources are exempted from this requirement.

Qualifying sources have historically included income from certain natural resources and minerals, including fossil fuels.

This provision, following elements of the **Financing Our Future Act (S. 1841)**, would expand this exception to provide parity for partnerships earning income from renewable energy resources.

Senator Wyden's tax amendment bill language can be viewed [here](#).