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“Produce ethanol without using corn”

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There is no question in the minds of many Americans that this country must strive for a future of energy independence. Importing costly oil from countries that don't particularly like the United States compromises our national security and threatens the strength of the economy. However, there is much debate over what kind of alternative fuels to pursue.

Forty percent of our energy comes from petroleum . That adds up to more than \$1 billion a day spent by the U.S. on imported foreign oil. It's an expensive habit, and globally we are paying a hefty price for our inability to work together to find viable solutions to our dependence on fossil fuels.

As the evolution of fuel and energy continues, ethanol remains at the forefront of the effort. Biofuels remain the only viable renewable fuel alternatives on the market today and abandoning them now would be a mistake, not to mention a considerable set back in the drive for energy independence.

Rising food prices and declining global availability are not to be blamed on ethanol, but rather underscore the need for decreased dependence on foreign oil