

## **Resolution Against the Use of Biofuels**

**Whereas:** Bill C-33 would mandate the use of 5% ethanol for gasoline and 2% biodiesel for diesel fuel, and

**Whereas:** Bill C-33 would earmark \$2.2 billion for the ethanol industry, and

**Whereas:** 2007 was a record year for the production of grain, and

**Whereas:** Of the 2.13bn tonnes of grains likely to be consumed this year, only 1.01bn tonnes will feed people, and

**Whereas:** The amount of grain needed to feed one person for one year would fill the tank of an SUV with ethanol, and

**Whereas:** This years stockpile of cereals will decline by around 53m tonnes, and

**Whereas:** The use of food grains for fuel is contributing to the food shortage and rising prices around the world, and

**Whereas:** In order to accommodate a 5% ethanol quota, farming for ethanol would take up 50% of our corn fields, 12% of wheat fields, and 8% of canola fields, and

**Whereas:** Grains are not an efficient energy input-output commodity. For every one unit of energy input, we may get 1.5 units of fuel.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That CAW Local 200 Retired Workers Chapter lobby the federal government to abandon the use of food grains in the production of ethanol and substitute them with agricultural waste, and crops not used in the food industry, e.g. hemp, switch grass etc.

Respectfully Submitted by, CAW Local 200 Retired Workers Chapter