At the end of title IX, add the following new section:

SEC. ___ . SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANDATORY USE OF BIOFUELS.

(a) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than October 31 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency recommendations with respect to issuing a waiver under paragraph (7)(A)(ii) of section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o))—

(1) to reduce the national quantity of renewable fuel required under paragraph (2) of such section 211(o) for the next calendar year based on the projected corn-to-stocks use ratio for such year; and

(2) to account for such reduction in the national quantity of renewable fuel only through a reduction in the quantity of renewable fuel that is ethanol derived from corn starch.

(b) BASIS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Agriculture—
(1) shall determine the United States corn-to-stocks use ratio for the crop year concerned, based on the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate or other similar authoritative estimate issued by the Secretary; and

(2) shall recommend a reduction in the national quantity of renewable fuel, as described in subsection (a), based on the following:

   (A) If such ratio is between 10.0 and 7.5, the Secretary shall recommend a 10 percent reduction.

   (B) If such ratio is between 7.49 and 6.0, the Secretary shall recommend a 15 percent reduction.

   (C) If such ratio is between 5.99 and 5.0, the Secretary shall recommend a 25 percent reduction.

   (D) If such ratio is lower than 5.0, the Secretary shall recommend a 50 percent reduction.

(c) Provision of Recommendations to Congress.—At the time of submitting its recommendations for a fiscal year to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under subsection (a), the Sec-
Secretary of Agriculture shall transmit a copy of such recommendations to the Congress.

(d) Rule of Construction.—The recommendations under subsection (a) shall not be construed to vest any authority in, or impose any obligation on, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.