

Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

June 17, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We are alarmed by reports that your Administration is considering circumventing the law via compliance relief to the oil industry through a nationwide waiver of Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).¹ When illegal Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs) were under consideration by the previous Administration, we put partisan politics aside and vocally opposed the merits of the proposal on an overwhelming bipartisan basis. We remain concerned that any attempt to undermine the law as it relates to the RFS will damage our rural economies and harm our local farmers and biofuels producers.

The RFS has been a tremendous success, providing a critical value-added market for our farmers, lowering the price of fuel for consumers, and improving air quality across the nation. The past efforts to undermine the RFS with SREs, tepid annual volume requirements, and lack of support amid the COVID-19 pandemic left the biofuels industry uncertain on several fronts. Undercutting the RFS will undermine its future potential and impose additional uncertainty for our local farmers and biofuels producers.

We are disappointed that despite ongoing legal action, and commitments from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan to uphold the RFS, that this is under consideration. We respectfully request that you stand by your commitment to rural America, to uphold the law, and provide certainty to our local producers. We stand ready to work with you on this important issue. Prior to these rumors, the biodiesel and renewable fuels industry has been poised for substantial growth, and EPA should demonstrate confidence in the RFS. Therefore, we urge you to quickly, and publicly affirm that your Administration will not provide policies that undermine clean renewable fuels.

Given the challenges facing the agricultural sector from all sides on this issue, we appreciate your promises to bolster the sale and use of ethanol and biodiesel, and hope that will make good on these commitments. We stand ready to work with you and look forward solutions that grow the biofuels industry and provide certainty to our local farmers and producers.

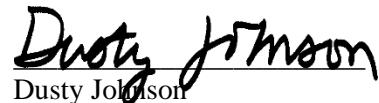
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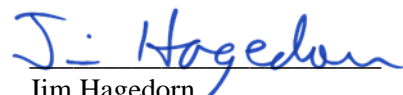
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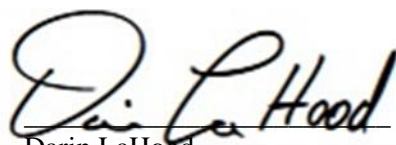


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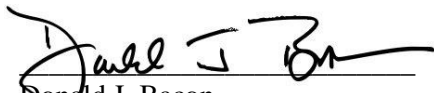


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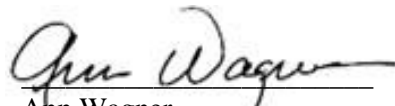
¹ Stephanie Kelly & Jarrett Renshaw. Reuters. "Exclusive: Biden considers giving refiners relief from U.S. biofuel laws, sources say." June 11, 2021.



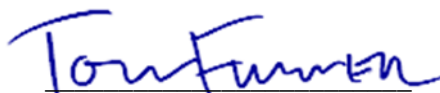
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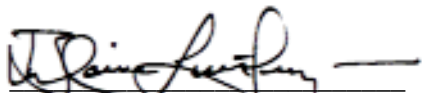
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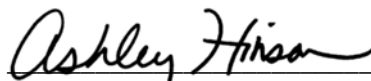
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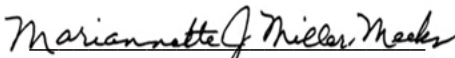
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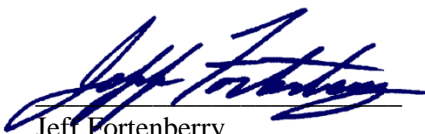
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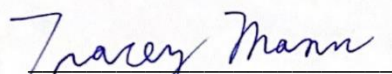
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