

April 27, 2026

Dear Members of Congress:

As organizations representing renewable fuel producers and feedstock growers, we are writing to express our strong support for a bipartisan amendment (#289) proposed to the House Farm Bill (H.R. 7567) that would permanently allow retail gas stations the option to sell gasoline blended with 15 percent ethanol (E15) year-round.

Year-round E15 has been a top priority – if not *the* top priority - for our organizations for many years. Despite outdated Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) requirements under the Clean Air Act (CAA) that precede the creation of E15 as a legal fuel, and the scientific fact that E15 has fewer evaporative emissions than E10 which receives a 1-pound waiver, year-round consumer access to E15 has stalled in Congress due to opposition first from a handful of medium-sized refiners.

This has necessitated emergency waivers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the past 5 years under Republican and Democratic administrations alike. Our commitment to solving this longstanding issue includes many years of advocating with our state congressional delegations, testifying at hearings on the benefits of E15, working with our state Governors to opt-out of the E10 waiver, and negotiating in good faith with industries that often do not view renewable fuels favorably.

We have undertaken these efforts because year-round E15 access is a critical component to providing enhanced agricultural market support to rural farm economies, creating jobs through rural economic development and biomanufacturing, reducing harmful emissions through the use of cleaner fuels, and helping blunt the impact of high energy costs on consumers in a more dangerous geopolitical world.

This amendment represents a compromise between renewable fuel producers, farmers, fuel marketers, and the vast majority of oil refiners. Beyond year-round E15, the amendment also provides for commonsense reforms to the small refinery exemption (SRE) process under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) that would ensure consistency in the number of gallons of renewable fuel exempted from blending requirements, tighten the number of refineries that are eligible for SREs, and provide much-needed certainty for all fuel supply chain participants.

By granting year-round E15 and reforming the small refinery exemption (SRE) process under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), this amendment would provide much-needed certainty for all fuel supply chain participants while helping to diversify energy supplies, promote domestic energy security, and expand markets for agricultural commodities.

We applaud the E15 Rural Domestic Energy Council for their hard work in reaching the compromise encapsulated in the amendment. With a difficult farm economy, energy supply constraints, and high energy costs dominating the headlines, a ready-made solution in year-round E15 and a strengthened RFS is now pending before you. We urge you to seize this opportunity by supporting the inclusion of amendment #289 to the House Farm Bill (H.R. 7567).

Thank you for your consideration and your support of renewable fuel producers and farmers.

Sincerely,

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