

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Denis McDonough
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McDonough:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss the need for a strong Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). It is critical that the final RFS rule meets congressional intent as outlined by Title II of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140).

The RFS has already proven to be an effective driver of economic development. It has strengthened agriculture markets and created hundreds of thousands of jobs in the new energy economy. A stable RFS will provide the certainty needed to unlock future investments in renewable fuels and necessary infrastructure, reduce our nation's dependence on foreign sources of energy, and drive innovation and progress toward advanced biofuels. The delay in finalizing biofuels volume requirements for 2014 and 2015, combined with the disappointing volume requirements in the proposed rule for 2016 that fall short of statutory levels, has chilled investment across the industry.

In our meeting we discussed several actions the Administration may take to strengthen the rule, including using updated gasoline demand data and reverting back to the previous interpretation of waivers that better aligns with congressional intent. Waivers should not extend to a "lack of infrastructure." In the current proposed rule, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has limited biofuels volume requirements citing the lack of available existing infrastructure, which is a condition that falls outside of the waiver authority Congress provided to the EPA in the RFS statute.

Congress clearly intended the RFS to be a forward-looking policy to drive investments in biofuels production, lead to the next generation of advanced biofuels and fuel a clean energy agenda for decades. We urge you to take this opportunity to craft targets and policies that reflect statutory levels and intent.

Again, thank you for meeting with us and we look forward to continuing to work with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



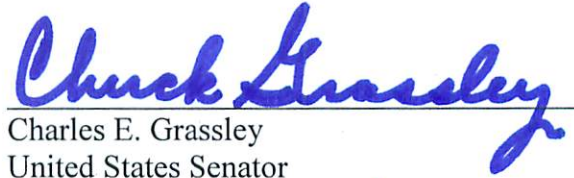
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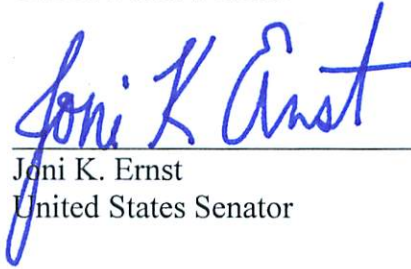
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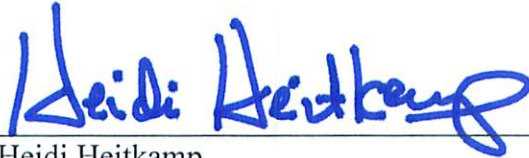
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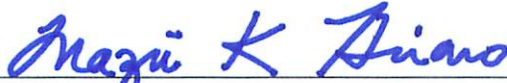
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