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Mr. Brian Deese
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Dear Mr. Deese:

It was a pleasure to meet with you during your visit to the United States Capitol on October 29th.

We appreciate your willingness to discuss the Administration's perspective on the proposed 2014-2016 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) rule, and we particularly appreciate your assurances that the decision is still open to discussion.

As your colleagues review the proposal, we hope you will keep in mind the need to reduce carbon pollution, and not expand it in the transportation sector in the days leading up to the President's historic efforts at the upcoming UNFCCC COP21 conference in Paris.

As we discussed, we view an RFS rule that locks in the so-called "blend wall" by changing the methodology to link growth in renewable fuels deployment to fuel dispensing capability to be counter to our efforts in the Energy Independence and Security Act we passed and was signed by President Bush in 2007. Further, we trust that the final rule will correct data errors to more accurately reflect exported production and use more recent gasoline demand projections. We urge the EPA to also acknowledge the large stockpile of carryover Renewable Identification Numbers in the final rule and the role they were designed to play to help obligated parties meet the achievable targets in statute.

We view a robust renewable fuels rule as an opportunity to allow the agricultural and biotechnology communities a productive path to reduce oil dependence and vehicle pollution emissions, enhance our domestic energy security, and address climate change.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to our continued dialogue.

best regards,

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Democratic Leader

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