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President Joe Biden
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

Clean Fuels Alliance America and its members recognize the serious negative impact that rising crude oil prices are having on America's economy and the pocketbooks of Americans. Crude oil prices have steadily increased for months and accelerated greatly due to the proactive ban on imports of Russian oil, a measure that Americans strongly support. As the Administration considers additional actions to address these issues, please know that we stand ready to work with your administration to extend the domestic supply of much needed domestic fuel and mitigate the economic pain that consumers are experiencing while also speeding America's transition to a clean energy future.

America's biodiesel, renewable diesel, and sustainable aviation fuel producers are working hard to provide better, cleaner fuels that provide consumers value and extend the diesel fuel supply. We produce fuels that are vital to the production and delivery of food and other consumer items across the country.

For example, in 2020 as the pandemic radically changed America's transportation needs, our industry supplied 3 billion gallons of biodiesel and renewable diesel to the U.S. market. Without that additional supply, diesel prices would have increased \$0.24 during the year – adding to the price of nearly every consumer good. Our growing contribution to U.S. fuel supplies over the past decade reduced diesel prices by an average \$0.31 each year. The 3 billion gallons produced by our industry displaces foreign fossil fuels, saving consumers money at the pump, significantly reducing carbon emissions, and reducing the environmental costs associated with petroleum.

Biodiesel and renewable diesel provide America an important head start on the low-carbon future by reducing greenhouse gas and other pollutant emissions today. On average, these fuels are 74% less carbon intensive than the petroleum fuels they replace. And they are cleaner, reducing particulate matter emissions 45% on average. Using cleaner fuels today provides immediate health benefits that can be measured at the community level and avoids accumulating atmospheric carbon that can impact the climate for decades.

Our industry's success relies on the Renewable Fuel Standard. This policy was established more than a decade ago with a promise to help the United States build energy

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independence and reduce reliance on oil imported from countries that don't share America's values. We firmly agree with your [March 8 statement](#): "Loosening environmental regulations or pulling back clean energy investment will not lower energy prices for families." A strong RFS is more important today than ever.

We look forward to the timely release of RFS volumes for 2021 and 2022 and to working with your administration to set volumes for 2023 and beyond. We ask that your administration maintain previously set 2020 volumes and avoid setting a precedent to reset established rules in response to emergencies unrelated to the program. Reducing availability of biodiesel and renewable diesel right now would impose higher costs on American consumers – both in the price of fuel and other goods today and in terms of health tomorrow. We urge your administration to have confidence in the potential of America's biomass-based diesel producers to replace Russian oil with homegrown, renewable, low-carbon fuel.

Thank you for your consideration,



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