## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

As your administration continues its work on policies that promote American energy and renewable fuels, we encourage you to support a strong Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) by adopting timely, robust blending requirements in the upcoming "Set 2" rule establishing Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) for 2026 and beyond. Projected obligations should accurately reflect the availability of feedstocks and ongoing investments in production capacity. Now more than ever, it is essential to identify and promote opportunities, like the upcoming RVOs, that lower costs for consumers and support economic growth.

Even before you took office, the EPA was months behind meeting the statutory deadline to set RVOs, which only exacerbated market instability. Domestic biofuel production facilities have already idled, and further delays in action could result in additional closures, putting Americans out of work and disrupting key markets for farmers.

Congress established the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to provide certainty and encourage investment in biofuels to the benefit of American families, the economy, and U.S. energy security. A strong Set 2 will benefit our constituents by lowering prices at the pump, creating and maintaining U.S. biomanufacturing jobs, and driving economic growth. A strong RVO will also support market growth for farmers at a time when global markets are experiencing uncertainty. The domestic biofuels industry stands ready to increase availability of affordable fuels options and support the administration's goal of American energy dominance.

Therefore, we request that your administration take the following actions in the upcoming proposed rulemaking:

- Set implied conventional biofuel RVOs of at least 15 billion gallons
- Set the biomass-based diesel RVO at 5.25 billion gallons in 2026 and at increasing levels in future years (with an equivalent increase in total volumes), reflecting the rapid growth of renewable diesel and soybean processing capacity.
- Reject abuse of small refinery exemption (SRE) authority and ensure any legitimate SREs have their volumes accounted for in the RVOs to prevent lost demand in key markets for farmers.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to working with you to achieve our shared renewable fuel goals that benefit the livelihoods of all Americans.

Sincerely,

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