Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Danny Werfel Commissioner Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20224

Dear Commissioner Werfel,

As you work to finalize guidance, we write today to respectfully request that you take prompt action to ensure that taxpayers' registrations under §45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit are completed before January 1, 2025.

Under the law and as made clear in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance, a taxpayer must have a signed registration letter dated on or before January 1, 2025, to be eligible to claim the Clean Fuel Production Credit. Importantly, taxpayers may not claim the credit for fuels produced prior to the date of their completed registration.

However, many U.S. producers are now reporting that they have not received the required registration letters, even though they applied by the July 15 deadline put forth by the IRS. Moreover, they are reporting that some IRS officials are making the registrations contingent upon the taxpayers providing information – such as lifecycle carbon scores – for which Treasury has not yet provided any guidance. According to some taxpayers, the requests for information are not consistent from official to official.

These delays are creating confusion in the marketplace and stand to have a significant negative economic impact on clean fuel producers, transportation fleets, fuel marketers, farmers and other economic sectors.

We urge IRS to complete these registrations as soon as possible, and to ensure that U.S. producers who have initiated the registration process in a timely manner are found to be eligible to generate the credit beginning on January 1, 2025.

We appreciate your consideration of this time-sensitive matter. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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cc: The Honorable Janet Yellen, Secretary, U.S. Treasury Department