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**Ministry of Mines and Energy**

Hydrocarbons Directorate

Republic of Colombia

***Subject: Comments from the U.S. Ethanol Industry on the Draft Resolution  
Establishing the Requirements and Guidelines for the Authorization and Registration  
of Producers and/or Importers of Fuel Alcohol***

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the U.S. ethanol industry, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft resolution issued by the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Colombia “*outlining requirements and guidelines for authorizing and registering fuel alcohol producers and importers*”.

The U.S. Grains & Bioproducts Council (USGBC), Growth Energy, and the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), representing the U.S. ethanol industry and collectively accounting for over 90% of national ethanol production capacity, respectfully submit these comments on the proposed regulation.

The United States has consistently supplied high-quality ethanol to Colombia, supporting the E10 mandate and contributing to stable supply, affordability, and environmental performance. Maintaining a transparent, predictable, and cost-efficient regulatory framework for imports and production is essential.

We acknowledge that the draft resolution aims to clarify and consolidate technical, environmental, and quality requirements for ethanol producers and importers in Colombia. This approach may enhance regulatory clarity and supply-chain traceability. To promote market stability and fair competition, these requirements should be applied consistently to all stakeholders (domestic producers and importers), ensuring a level playing field and supporting reliable supply, regulatory certainty, and long-term market confidence.

We respectfully believe the regulation’s impact on ethanol imports and supply will depend on how the new procedures are implemented, particularly regarding administrative timelines, consistency in approvals, and coordination with customs and trade processes.

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For U.S. ethanol exporters, the final resolution should avoid unnecessary administrative burdens, ensure clear and efficient procedures, allow sufficient time for compliance, and accept internationally recognized certifications and standards. These measures will help maintain market openness and support supply continuity and energy security.

We appreciate the Ministry's openness to stakeholder input and value the opportunity for continued dialogue, and we remain committed to working constructively with Colombia to support a balanced, competitive, and sustainable ethanol market.

Sincerely,



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