

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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## A STRONG RFS

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is one of our nation's most successful energy policies and must be protected to maintain a competitive marketplace and consumer access to renewable, low-carbon fuel options at the pump.

### GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS:

- ✓ Holding the EPA accountable for the excessive granting of unwarranted small refinery exemptions that further enrich oil companies at the expense of American farmers.
- ✓ Reallocating biofuel gallons lost to EPA's small refinery waiver mismanagement to ensure the program follow the law and congressional intent.
- ✓ Increasing blending volumes through the RFS reset, which will set biofuel volumes from 2020-22, and provide a template for how EPA will handle the program after 2022.

### GROWTH ENERGY OPPOSES:

- ⊘ Any anti-ethanol initiatives that encourage the modification or repeal of the RFS.



**The RFS was created in 2005 to keep biofuels from being locked out of the fuel market. Congress expanded the program in 2007 to strengthen our economy, deliver greater energy independence, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.**

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## YEAR-ROUND ACCESS TO HIGHER OCTANE FUELS FOR CONSUMERS

The administration has committed to allowing year-round sales of E15 by June 1, 2019 and the EPA rulemaking process is currently underway. To be successful, the finalized rule should not include restrictions that would limit fuel retailers from offering E15 to consumers at the pump.

### GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS:

- ✓ EPA meeting its deadline of June 1, 2019.

### GROWTH ENERGY OPPOSES:

- ⊘ Any change to the rule that limits or disadvantages fuel retailers who are seeking to offer E15 to consumers.

**E15 is a high-octane fuel blend with 15 percent ethanol that is:**



**More affordable**



**Better for the environment**



**Provides greater fuel performance**

## OPEN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

International markets offer significant growth opportunities for biofuels producers and suppliers, but current trade restrictions threaten to cut off these critical partners. Opening current and new markets could unleash several billion gallons of potential new demand.

### GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO:

- ✓ Open up key trade markets, such as China, to facilitate increased demand for American ethanol.

### GROWTH ENERGY OPPOSES:

- ⊘ Protective tariffs and duties that restrict our access to global markets.

## SUPPORT ADVANCED AND CELLULOSIC BIOFUELS

Advanced and cellulosic biofuels can reduce carbon emissions by 100% or more, depending on what they are made from.<sup>1</sup>

### GROWTH ENERGY SUPPORTS:

- ✓ Extending the second-generation biofuel producer tax credit.
- ✓ Having EPA approve registrations for facilities that plan to produce cellulosic biofuel under existing pathways approved by EPA.

<sup>1</sup> [USDA](#), A Life-Cycle Analysis of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Corn-Based Ethanol, Jan. 2017

