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Director Hayes,

Growth Energy is the world's largest association of biofuel producers, representing 103 U.S. plants that each year produce more than 8.6 billion gallons of cleaner-burning, renewable fuel; 95 businesses associated with the production process; and tens of thousands of biofuel supporters around the country. Together, we remain committed to bring better and more affordable choices at the fuel pump to consumers, help our country diversify our energy portfolio in order to grow more energy jobs, sustain family farms, and drive down the costs of transportation fuels for consumers.

Growth Energy strongly supports the Missouri Department of Agriculture's update to the fuel requirements as proposed in the January 2, 2020 Missouri Register, Vol. 45, No. 1. Today, 98 percent of all gasoline sold in the U.S. contains 10 percent ethanol, and E15 is now available at more than 2,000 retail locations in 30 states. Consumers have now driven more than 12 billion miles on E15 and retailers have conducted millions of transactions with this fuel. There have been no adverse reports of fuel quality experienced with E15 since first being approved nine years ago.

The proposed change will keep Missouri regulation aligned with EPA allowances for E15, which is proving to be a tremendous benefit to consumers by allowing additional volumes of domestic, renewable and clean burning ethanol into their fuel. Today, there are 41 retail locations in Missouri offering E15, and there are five farmer-owned fuel ethanol plants operating in the state of Missouri providing great employment opportunities, and strong direct and indirect economic stimulus into Missouri's economy. A thriving ethanol industry is a vital market for Missouri's corn producers.

Growth Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of the fuel regulation modification for the state of Missouri. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Chris Bliley, Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

