

1. COVID-19'S IMPACT ON ETHANOL

In response to the unprecedented, nationwide COVID-19 pandemic, shelter-in-place orders are keeping drivers off the road and causing demand for ethanol to plummet. Ethanol plants provide plant-based ethanol fuel at a low price, high quality coproducts used across the agricultural supply chain, safe alcohol as the main ingredient for hand sanitizer, and a dependable market for our nation's corn growers.

ASK: Congress support Emergency Assistance like the "Renewable Fuel Reimbursement Program" included in the House HEROES Act, which would stabilize the ethanol industry, saving the critical jobs and important place the ethanol industry holds in the U.S. supply chain

2. UPHOLDING RFS INTEGRITY

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is one of our nation's most successful energy policies. However, oil refineries are continuing their attempt to undermine its integrity by asking for excessive small refinery exemptions and unwarranted waivers of the program arguing that the RFS, rather than the COVID-19 pandemic, is causing refiners "severe economic harm". But this year, the biofuels industry received one of its most historic legal victories in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit which invalidated three small refinery exemptions granted by EPA.

ASK:

- EPA apply the 10th Circuit decision nationwide
- EPA deny the unwarranted waiver request arguing the ethanol industry — and not COVID-19 — is responsible for the current situation facing refiners

3. THE ROAD TO HIGHER ETHANOL BLENDS

In 2019, EPA approved the sale of year-round E15, a fuel that can be used in more than 90 percent of cars on the road. To accelerate adoption across the country, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced an infrastructure grant program to expand the sale and use of higher ethanol blends such as E15 and beyond. The Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) will allocate \$100 million in competitive grants to expand market access for higher blends of ethanol. Ethanol is a clean and affordable high octane fuel, making it a critical product as automakers develop efficient engines that require more octane.

ASK:

- Support the implementation of HBIIP
- Support legislative and regulatory options to recognize high octane fuels

4. ETHANOL IS A LOW CARBON SOLUTION

States are increasingly exploring public policy options to lower carbon emissions in their transportation sectors with biofuels making up over 70 percent of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard in California. Biofuels can immediately contribute to lowering greenhouse gas emissions, reduce harmful air toxics, and provide affordable solutions for consumers.

ASK: Ethanol should be recognized as a low-cost, easily accessible carbon reduction option in carbon programs

5. REDUCING TRADE RESTRICTIONS

International markets represent significant opportunities for U.S. ethanol to grow. Tariffs, technical trade barriers, and ensuring trade agreement promises are fulfilled pose challenges to the industry. Our producers are eager to compete and make the most efficient and cleanest source of renewable fuels in the world.

ASK:

- Pressure China to fulfill their trade obligations
- Work with Brazil to eliminate their tariff rate quota