

1. UPHOLDING RFS INTEGRITY

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is one of our nation's most successful energy policies. Despite the clear strengths of this bedrock renewable energy legislation, some refineries and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are continuing attempts to unravel this policy.

- ASK:**
- EPA should apply the 10th Circuit Court decision nationwide today.
 - EPA should reject the 67 “gap year” SREs today.
 - Support the RFS Integrity Act of 2019 of 2019 (H.R. 3006/S. 1840) which fixes disclosure and timing issues with SRE applicants.

2. THE ROAD TO HIGHER ETHANOL BLENDS

In 2019, EPA approved the sale of year-round E15, a fuel that EPA has approved for use in 2001-model year cars and newer, which is more than 9 out of 10 cars on the road.

- ASK:**
- Support E15 as the new national standard fuel by eliminating market barriers. These include incentives like the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) or the Clean Fuels Deployment Act (H.R. 6671).
 - Removing the confusing labeling required only for E15.
 - Support greater market access to higher octane midlevel ethanol blends to meet increasingly more stringent fuel economy standards (E15 and above).
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3. REDUCING TRADE RESTRICTIONS

In 2019, U.S. ethanol exports totaled 1.48 billion gallons which accounted for 9.3% of annual production. 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:**
- Work with Brazil to eliminate their tariff rate quota.
 - Pressure China to fulfill their trade obligations.

4. ETHANOL IS A LOW CARBON SOLUTION

States and localities are increasingly exploring public policy options to lower the carbon emissions of their transportation fuels and systems. Biofuels can immediately contribute to lowering greenhouse gas emissions, reduce harmful air toxics, and provide affordable solutions for consumers and policymakers alike.

- ASK:**
- Biofuels like ethanol must be part of any solution to decarbonize the transportation sector.
 - Biofuels should be used as a low-cost solution towards meeting federal and state carbon reduction goals.
 - Support S. 3986, a bill to provide a pathway for biofuels innovation.

5. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

In response to the unprecedented, nationwide COVID-19 health pandemic, shelter-in-place orders have kept drivers off the road, crashing demand for gasoline and ethanol. This is crippling our nation's ethanol plants and disrupting markets for coproducts we make.

- ASK:** Include direct, emergency assistance in the next COVID relief package. It should be administered by USDA and use the provisions in the HEROES Act (H.R. 6800) or the Fuel Feedstock Reimbursement Act (S. 3756).