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Chairman Frank Pallone
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Greg Walden
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Walden:

We write in support of Amendment #107, introduced by Representatives Cindy Axne (D-IA) and Cheri Bustos (D-IL), which will receive House floor consideration as part of H.R. 4447, the *Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act*. The amendment allows biofuel facilities to be eligible for funding under the bill's Carbon Capture Program, a section which promotes research and development for commercial applications of carbon capture technologies.

Growth Energy is the world's largest association of ethanol producers, representing nearly half of the nation's ethanol production and thousands of supporters across the country. These companies and their employees serve America's need for homegrown renewable fuels and its coproducts, such as pure carbon dioxide for commercial food and beverage applications, municipal water sanitation, permanent geologic sequestration, and enhanced oil recovery.

Amendment #107 would expand on the technological successes already under development by our domestic biofuels industry by allowing these facilities to access critical research and development funding for carbon capture technologies. Approximately 50 U.S. ethanol plants already capture, clean, and condense carbon dioxide. An average-sized ethanol plant captures 99,000 to 153,000 tons of carbon dioxide each year, and with a nationwide fleet of more than 200 ethanol plants, there is significant potential to eliminate millions of tons of carbon dioxide annually.

We urge you to support Amendment #107 when it reaches the floor for a vote. We also thank you for your leadership on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and bringing important legislation to the floor which will enhance the U.S. renewable energy system.

Sincerely,

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