

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

*Biofuels like ethanol reduce carbon emissions today.*



## 1. ESTABLISH ETHANOL AS A LOW CARBON SOLUTION

The Biden Administration set an ambitious goal of achieving a 100% clean energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. Biofuels can immediately contribute to lowering carbon emissions and **corn-based ethanol lowers gasoline's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 46%**.

### ASK

- Biofuels like ethanol must be part of any solution towards decarbonization.
- Biofuels must contribute towards meeting federal and state carbon reduction goals.

## 2. UPHOLD RFS INTEGRITY

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is one of our nation's most successful energy policies. Despite the clear carbon reduction strengths of this bedrock renewable energy law, EPA leadership in the last administration repeatedly undermined it by granting an unprecedented number of small refinery exemptions, destroying 4.3 billion gallons of biofuel demand.

### ASK

- Encourage EPA to apply the 10th Circuit Court decision nationwide.
- Reject any efforts that would cap the price of RINs.
- Cosponsor H.R. 1113, which fixes disclosure and timing issues with SRE applicants.
- Cosponsor S. 218 or H.R. 1637, which provides a pathway for continued biofuels innovation under the RFS.
- Cosponsor S. 193, which updates EPA's GHG modeling for ethanol under the RFS.

## 3. PAVE THE ROAD TO HIGHER ETHANOL BLENDS

Federal and state biofuel infrastructure programs are key investments to expand market access for higher blends like E15 and beyond. 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 95% of cars on the road.

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- Support greater market access to higher octane, mid-level ethanol blends to meet increasingly more stringent fuel economy standards (E15 and above).
- Support E15 as the new national standard fuel.
- Urge EPA to fix onerous E15 labeling and remove infrastructure barriers.
- Cosponsor S. 227 or H.R. 1542, which makes investments into higher blending infrastructure and addresses EPA's E15 labeling.

## 4. REDUCE TRADE BARRIERS FOR U.S. ETHANOL

As nations around the globe are looking to achieve their carbon reduction goals, international markets are turning to biofuels as a solution. However, tariffs, technical trade barriers, and follow-through on trade agreements pose challenges to U.S. exporters looking to fulfill the growing biofuel demand abroad.

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- Urge Brazil to eliminate their 20% tariff on U.S. ethanol.
- Pressure China to fulfill promises made during the Phase One Trade Agreement.
- Encourage Mexico to move towards E10 nationwide.

## 5. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

With American drivers staying off the road in response to the health pandemic, the fuel market experienced a historic drop in demand, crippling our nation's ethanol plants and disrupting markets for ethanol's coproducts. As the nation looks to recovery, the biofuels industry and our rural economies also need support to get back on track.

### ASK

- Urge USDA to use funds already provided to make financial assistance available to the biofuels industry and make these payments equitable, fair, and publicly available.