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Governor Eric Holcomb  
Office of the Governor  
200 W. Washington Street, Room 206  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

**RE: Growth Energy Calls for Veto of SB 303**

Dear Governor Holcomb,

As the nation's largest renewable fuel organization, Growth Energy represents the full diversity of the industry from 85 biofuel producers nationwide – including eight plants in Indiana – and nearly 100 associated business in the biofuel supply chain. We write to request that you veto SB 303, anti-ethanol legislation intended to destroy demand for homegrown biofuels.

SB 303 seeks to limit sales of E15, a 15 percent ethanol fuel blend, by mandating unnecessary warning labels on E15 fuel dispensers that serve only to confuse consumers and add completely unnecessary redundancy to already burdensome federal labeling requirements. This legislation also muddies key regulations in a manipulative attempt to obstruct additional retailers from offering E15. By adding a needless label that conflicts with language already on federally required stickers, SB 303 directly threatens new markets key to revitalizing income for Hoosier farmers.

Ethanol production supports 23,800 Hoosier jobs and contributes \$2.2 billion annually to the state's economy. By chilling demand for E15, SB 303 risks sacrificing one of the state's most promising opportunities to lead the way on clean energy and agricultural growth.

In the last two years, billions of gallons of biofuel demand were lost to regulatory abuse, trade conflicts, and pandemic-related restrictions on travel. Despite the challenges, Indiana biofuel producers continue to drive the rural recovery. New markets for E15 remain critical to this effort, as they allow motorists to support Hoosier farmers while taking advantage of an earth-friendly, low-cost fuel.

Currently, E15 is offered at more than 2,300 retail locations across 30 states, including Indiana. Consumers have already driven more than 20 billion miles using this higher-octane, low-carbon alternative made with Indiana energy – a testament to its success at the pump. E15 continues to grow in popularity in markets where it's already available, in part because it saves motorists

three to 10 cents on every gallon. SB 303 would chill that progress. It represents a direct assault on farmers and imposes a needless burden on consumers and the broader Hoosier economy.

Given the importance of E15 to Hoosier farmers and rural families, we urge you to reject the new cigarette-style warning labels on Indiana-made fuel and veto SB 303.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Skor", is centered on a light green rectangular background.

Emily Skor  
CEO, Growth Energy