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Administrator Michael Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Secretary Jennifer Granholm
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Administrator Regan and Secretary Granholm,

In the wake of the unprecedented cyberattack on the Colonial Pipeline, the American ethanol industry stands ready to respond to help ease the potential supply disruptions in our nation's gasoline market.

E15, a fifteen percent ethanol blend, is now approved for more than 95 percent of the light duty vehicles on the road accounting for more than 97 percent of the vehicle miles traveled. It is now sold at nearly 2,400 locations across the country, including several hundred locations throughout the southeast – where the impact of the Colonial is most felt. By immediately removing remaining regulatory hurdles and providing greater access to E15, you can help keep fuel prices in check for American consumers and ease concerns about fuel supply.

We ask that you make E15 broadly available at all fuel terminals in areas impacted by related fuel shortages. We also request EPA finalize the proposed rule that would broaden the availability of existing infrastructure for use with E15 and related labeling concerns. We also urge you to remove unnecessary misfuelling requirements, including restrictions on the use of E15 in shared fueling hoses with 10 percent blended fuel and related fuel sampling requirements. Finally, we strongly encourage the government to strengthen its use of higher ethanol blends such as E85 in its current flex-fuel vehicle fleet.

As American renewable fuel producers, we stand ready to do our part to help the nation address this emergency head on. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emily Skor, CEO

CC: Secretary Tom Vilsack, U.S. Department of Agriculture