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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

As leaders in the biofuel industry, we urge you to stand behind your promise to support rural communities and take clear action on climate change by upholding the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Over the past few years, biofuel producers and our farm suppliers across the heartland have worked tirelessly to overcome outdated regulatory obstacles and expand Americans' access to cleaner fuel choices at the pump. This summer, however, oil companies successfully sued to reverse the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of year-round sales of E15, a fifteen percent ethanol fuel blend with a lower price tag and fewer emissions. These same oil companies are now attacking the RFS, with the goal of restoring their monopoly over the gas tank and pushing out low-carbon biofuels.

Homegrown biofuels like ethanol reduce carbon emissions by 46 percent over their full lifecycle¹, and a recent analysis concludes that if we're to achieve net-zero by 2050 we must use all tools in the toolbox — including biofuels². Our industry supports over 300,000 good-paying, clean energy jobs³ across the heartland. If your administration lets refiners replace clean, renewable biofuels with more fossil fuels, it will hinder progress on your ambitious climate agenda, hurt working families, and undermine the economic recovery across rural America.

Unfortunately, fossil fuel advocates continue to demand that EPA adopt Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) that fall far short of your commitment to uphold the RFS. To help reduce carbon emissions and reach your transportation decarbonization goals, it is vital that conventional biofuel blending targets meet the 15-billion-gallon minimum required by law, restore 500 million gallons of improperly waived fuel blending requirements, and drive ambitious targets for growth in advanced and cellulosic biofuels.

¹ Environmental Health & Engineering, Inc. (EH&E), <https://eheinc.com/who-we-are/news/article/corn-ethanol-emits-46-less-greenhouse-gases-than-gasoline>

² Rhodium Group, LLC, <https://rhg.com/research/closing-the-transportation-emissions-gap-with-clean-fuels>

³ ABF Economics, <https://ethanolrfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Ethanol-Industry-Contribution-to-the-US-Economy-in-2020.pdf>

Now more than ever, it is imperative that your administration take this opportunity to create clean energy jobs and decarbonize the transportation sector. Biofuels are the solution, offering well-paying, clean energy jobs. We ask that you ensure your EPA upholds the commitments you made on the campaign trail and restore integrity to the RFS to achieve our climate goals.

Sincerely,

Absolute Energy, LLC (St. Ansgar, Iowa)
Ace Ethanol LLC (Stanley, Wisconsin)
AgCountry Farm Credit Services (Fargo, North Dakota)
Archangel, Inc. (Highlands Ranch, Colorado)
Big River Resources Boyceville, LLC (Boyceville, Wisconsin)
Big River Resources Galva, LLC (Galva, Illinois)
Big River Resources West Burlington, LLC (West Burlington, Iowa)
Blue Flint Ethanol, LLC (Underwood, North Dakota)
Bridgeport Ethanol, LLC (Bridgeport, Nebraska)
Bushmills Ethanol (Atwater, Minnesota)
Cardinal Ethanol, LLC (Union City, Indiana)
Christianson PLLP (Wilmar, Minnesota)
Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC - Arkalon Energy (Liberal, Kansas)
Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC - Bonanza (Liberal, Kansas)
Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC - Diamond Ethanol (Levelland, Texas)
Corn, LP (Goldfield, Iowa)
CTE Global, Inc. (Chicago, Illinois)
Dedert (Homewood, Illinois)
Denco II, LLC (Morris, Minnesota)
Didion Ethanol LLC (Cambria, Wisconsin)
Flottweg (Florence, Kentucky)
Fluid Quip Process Technologies, LLC (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
Fox River Valley Ethanol LLC (Oshkosh, Wisconsin)
Front Range Energy, LLC (Windsor, Colorado)
Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC - Aberdeen (Aberdeen, South Dakota)
Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC - Huron (Huron, South Dakota)
Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC - Watertown (Watertown, South Dakota)
Golden Grain Energy, LLC (Mason City, Iowa)
ICM Biofuels, Inc. (St Joseph, Missouri)
ICM, Inc. (Colwich, Kansas)
Iroquois Bio-Energy Company, LLC (Rensselaer, Indiana)
Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Suwanee, Georgia)
Marquis Energy - Wisconsin, LLC (Necedah, Wisconsin)
Marquis Energy, LLC (Hennepin, Illinois)
Mid America Bio Energy (Madrid, Nebraska)
Nebraska Corn Processing, LLC (Cambridge, Nebraska)
Novozymes (Franklinton, North Carolina)
NUVUFuels (Ionia, Michigan)
Pennsylvania Grain Processing, LLC (Clearfield, Pennsylvania)

Phibro Ethanol Performance Group (Ridgefield Park, New Jersey)
Plymouth Energy, LLC (Merrill, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Alexandria (Alexandria, Indiana)
POET Biorefining - Arthur (Arthur, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Ashton (Ashton, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Big Stone (Big Stone City, South Dakota)
POET Biorefining - Bingham Lake (Bingham Lake, Minnesota)
POET Biorefining - Caro (Caro, Michigan)
POET Biorefining - Chancellor (Mitchell, South Dakota)
POET Biorefining - Cloverdale (Cloverdale, Indiana)
POET Biorefining - Coon Rapids (Coon Rapids, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Corning (Corning, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Emmetsburg (Emmetsburg, Iowa)
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POET Biorefining - Fairmont (Fairmont, Nebraska)
POET Biorefining - Fostoria (Fostoria, Ohio)
POET Biorefining - Glenville (Albert Lea, Minnesota)
POET Biorefining - Gowrie (Gowrie, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Groton (Groton, South Dakota)
POET Biorefining - Hanlontown (Hanlontown, Iowa)
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POET Biorefining - Iowa Falls (Iowa Falls, Iowa)
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POET Biorefining - Lake Crystal (Lake Crystal, Minnesota)
POET Biorefining - Leipsic (Leipsic, Ohio)
POET Biorefining - Macon (Laddonia, Missouri)
POET Biorefining - Marion (Marion, Ohio)
POET Biorefining - Menlo (Menlo, Iowa)
POET Biorefining - Mitchell (Letcher, South Dakota)
POET Biorefining - North Manchester (North Manchester, Indiana)
POET Biorefining - Portland (Portland, Indiana)
POET Biorefining - Preston (Preston, Minnesota)
POET Biorefining - Shelbyville (Shelbyville, Indiana)
POET Biorefining - Shell Rock (Shell Rock, Iowa)
Protect LLC (Colwich, Kansas)
Redfield Energy, LLC (Redfield, South Dakota)
Siouxland Energy Cooperative (Sioux Center, Iowa)
Sterling Ethanol, LLC (Sterling, Colorado)
Sukup Bins (Sheffield, Iowa)
Tharaldson Ethanol Plant, LLC (Casselton, North Dakota)
Three Rivers Energy (Coshocton, Ohio)
Western New York Energy, LLC (Medina, New York)
Western Plains Energy, LLC (Oakley, Kansas)
White Energy Hereford, LLC (Hereford, Texas)
White Energy Plainview, LLC (Plainview, Texas)

Whitefox Technologies (Chicago, Illinois)
Yuma Ethanol, LLC (Yuma, Colorado)