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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:

On behalf of the U.S. biofuel industry, I write to address the recent news reports indicating that the White House is reaching out to oil producers for solutions to the skyrocketing fuel costs.

We understand these efforts have been met by the same dismissive response [offered](#) by foreign oil producers at the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia. As one oil executive [told Reuters](#), “[a]ny call by the White House for an increase in U.S. production is likely to fall on deaf ears.”

In contrast, American renewable fuel producers and farmers are ready, willing, and able to ramp up production of low-cost, low-carbon options for American drivers. Growth Energy is the nation’s largest association representing biofuel producers and supporters, and we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you how renewable fuels can help lower costs at the pump and reduce carbon emissions.

Ethanol saves the average household \$142 per year, according to the [American Journal of Agricultural Economics](#). In recent years, that savings has averaged about [22 cents per gallon](#). Higher blends, like 15% ethanol (E15), offer even greater savings. A recent study conducted by [ABF Economics](#) shows that nationwide adoption of E15 would save consumers \$12.2 billion in annual fuel costs. Across the [30 states](#) where E15 is available, it consistently sells for five to ten cents below the price for standard blends.

These are fuel savings your administration can build on today, all while helping consumers shift to a fuel that reduces carbon emissions by [46 percent or more](#), according to the latest scientific analysis. A clean source of octane, homegrown ethanol also displaces [more costly](#) petroleum-based fuel additives linked to groundwater contamination, smog, and cancer.

On the campaign trail, you [emphasized the importance](#) of “reversing harmful waivers and setting strong levels for 2021” under the RFS. Today, your Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has

the opportunity to keep that promise, driving growth in U.S. biofuel production, diversifying our energy supply, and holding down costs for consumers at the fuel pump.

At a time when both fuel costs and carbon emissions represent a clear threat to America's future, we urge you to utilize American-grown, American-made biofuels as a solution to high fuel prices. Send the policy signal rural America is waiting for to boost homegrown energy and finally deliver consumers lasting protection from volatile oil markets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Skor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

Emily Skor
CEO
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