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Drive American Innovation Through Federal Tax Incentives

The Clean Fuel Production Tax Credit, or 45Z, provides a tax credit for low emissions fuels that have a carbon intensity (CI) score below a baseline level (50 kgCO2e/MMBTU). This incentive is critical to ensure we maintain our dominant position as the world's top biofuels producer, provide new income opportunities for growers in an ailing farm economy, and ensure U.S. leadership in liquid fuels for light-duty vehicles, heavy duty shipping, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), and marine vessels.

This pro-growth tax policy can unlock billions of dollars in new investments in U.S. clean energy innovation.

OUR LEGISLATIVE ASKS

ASK Extend 45Z by 7-10 years beyond current law, which goes through 2027.

ASK Fix the "Emissions Factor" issue in 45Z by requiring the emission factor to be rounded to the nearest hundredth instead of the nearest tenth (.01 instead of .1).

ASK Prohibit foreign feedstock (including Brazilian ethanol) from accessing the 45Z credit.

ASK Increase the base credit for SAF fuels to be more in line with the 40B credit structure.

OUR REGULATORY ASKS

ASK **Have the Department of Energy change the existing 45ZCF-GREET User Manual to:**

- Allow corn ethanol wet mills to qualify if they meet CI threshold.
- Allow carbon sequestered for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) to be recognized.

ASK **Have Treasury to keep current 45Z tax notice intact, making a few modest changes:**

- Clarify that exported ethanol is eligible for the credit.
- Allow carbon utilization to be recognized under 45Z.
- Allow USDA emissions values to be used to determine 45Z credit amounts.
- Maintain the current standard on imported UCO substantiation and certification.
- Finish Provisional Emissions Rate (PER) regulation.

SOARING POTENTIAL

With the right policy certainty, the 45Z credit could:

- Add $21B to the U.S. economy.
- Support 192,000 new jobs.
- Generate $13.4B in household income.
- Provide farmers with a 10% premium price on low carbon corn used at an ethanol plant.