

Growth Energy CEO



Emily Skor is the chief executive of Growth Energy, America's premier biofuel trade association representing the majority of the nation's ethanol producers, an industry that contributes more than \$50 billion to the U.S. GDP.

Since taking the helm of Growth Energy in May 2016, Skor has dramatically expanded the organization's influence, footprint, and membership, positioning it as a powerful voice in national energy and agricultural policy. Under her leadership, Growth Energy has become a leading advocate for American biofuels, reshaping public discourse around critical priorities such as revitalizing the farm economy, reducing fuel costs, advancing U.S. innovation, and securing global market leadership for domestic producers.

During Skor's tenure, Growth Energy's membership has grown to nearly 100 biorefineries — including industry leaders such as POET, ADM, The Andersons, Marquis Energy, and Cargill — along with 130 companies across the biofuels value chain, including John Deere, BASF, and GROWMARK, Inc.

Skor has led the industry through pivotal policy victories, strengthening federal biofuel programs, ensuring long-term market stability, and unlocking new opportunities both domestically and abroad. She has spearheaded successful advocacy campaigns to preserve year-round access to E15, a fuel blend made with more ethanol than ordinary fuel, keeping it available each summer since 2019. Under her leadership, the number of retail locations offering higher blends has grown from 80 to over 4,300 across 33 states.

To grow demand and awareness, Skor launched Growth Energy's first-ever consumer education initiative, Get Biofuel, which redefined ethanol blends as a cleaner, more affordable fuel choice for American drivers.

Her work has helped secure billions in new federal investments through tax credits and grants, while also delivering state-level legislative wins and mounting successful legal efforts to protect key regulations and challenge harmful rulings. As a result, bipartisan policymakers increasingly recognize biofuels as essential to rural prosperity, U.S. energy independence, and global climate goals.

Skor has been widely recognized for her leadership. She was named one of Washingtonian magazine's "Most Influential People" in both 2024 and 2025, honored with the first-ever

Women in Ethanol Award from BBI International, and appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to the U.S. Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee. She is also a current member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Association Committee of 100 (C100) and has been recognized as one of Washington's top lobbyists by *The Hill*.

A frequent media contributor and respected policy voice, Skor has testified before Congress and spoken at leading forums such as CERAWeek, Politico's Energy Week, and the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Summit during Climate Week NYC.

Before joining Growth Energy, Skor served as Vice President of Communications at the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, representing the \$30 billion over-the-counter medicine industry, and as Senior Vice President at Dezenhall Resources, where she advised Fortune 500 companies on high-stakes crisis management and public affairs strategies.

Skor graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wellesley College. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and two children.