

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our concern over reports that the Administration is considering issuing a final 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) of 1.28 billion gallons for biomass-based diesel (biodiesel). Should the EPA choose not to raise biodiesel's volume above 1.28 billion gallons, we believe it will have a terrible impact on the domestic biodiesel industry, and could lead to the closure of numerous biodiesel plants, with smaller producers taking the largest impact.

The biodiesel industry has more than enough capacity to meet increased Biomass-based Diesel volumes. In its own proposed rule from 2012, the EPA projected the capacity of all registered and unregistered biodiesel facilities producing at least some product to be 2.4 billion gallons.

We are also concerned the Administration may raise the Advanced Biofuels levels under the RFS with the intention of allowing biodiesel to fill that requirement. Our understanding of such a move is that it would lead to no additional domestic production of biodiesel, and would in fact lead to increased imports of foreign fuels to supplement the Advanced Biofuels level. Rather than sending a signal for increased imports of foreign biofuels, which will seriously undermine the very rationale for the creation of the RFS in supporting domestic energy security, we should be putting forward plans that support our domestic fuel suppliers.

During your time in office you have supported the development and growth of the biodiesel industry. Now, biodiesel producers around the nation have the ability to generate nearly two billion gallons a year of the only EPA approved advanced biofuel, which is commercially available across the United States. Therefore, we believe now is not the time for a critical shift in biodiesel policy. We urgently ask that you raise biodiesel's RVO for 2014 above 1.28 billion gallons.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Collin C. Peterson



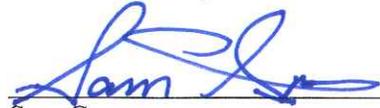
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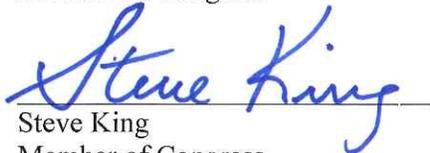
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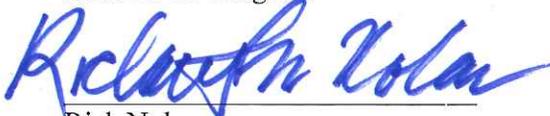
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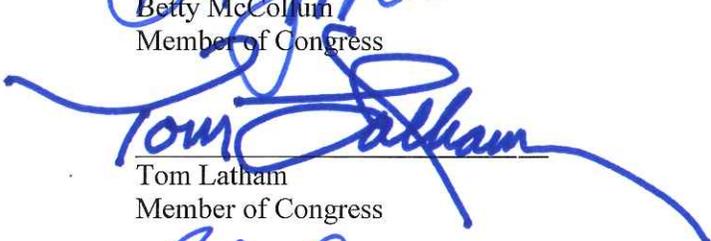
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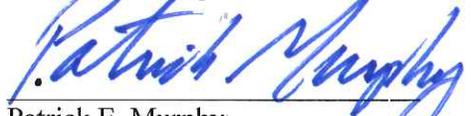
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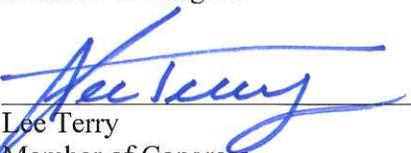
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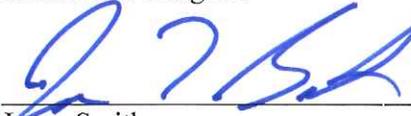
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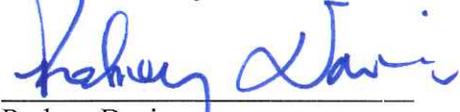
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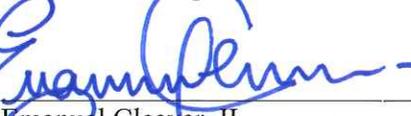
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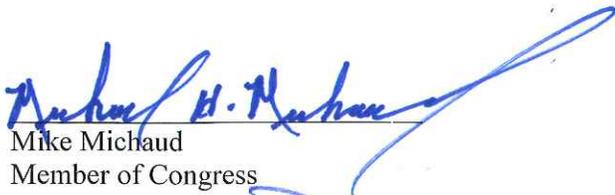
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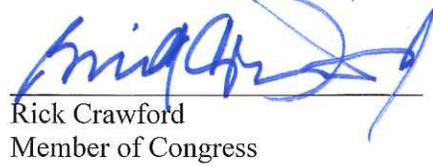
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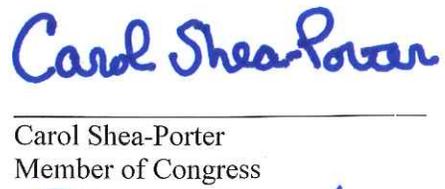

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