

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 30, 2020

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

Thank you for your support of the biofuels industry and your continued efforts to expand the availability of domestic ethanol and biodiesel. As you work to build on the successes of the 2015 Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) we support all efforts to increase the demand for biofuels in the domestic market and abroad.

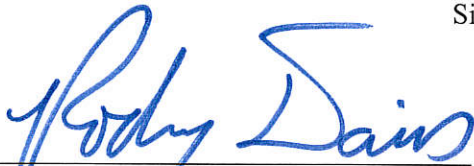
The 2015 BIP provided states with nearly \$100 million in federal funding for new infrastructure with the purpose of increasing the availability of biofuels for consumers. Unfortunately, since that time, the biofuels market has seen diminished demand for approximately 4 billion gallons of biofuels due to the number of small refinery exemptions the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted. We continue to push for proactive approaches to help rebuild this devastated industry, and practical solutions offered through the HBIIIP are a step in the right direction.

Building on the May 2019 announcement to allow for the year-round sales of E-15, increased investments in infrastructure through the HBIIIP will help rebuild markets and increase biofuel consumption by allowing large quantities of higher ethanol blends to be sold. We believe that increased investments in infrastructure will serve to help stabilize demand and bolster producer's ability to sell into the market while expanding domestic energy production.

As you move to establish this program, we encourage you to take steps to remove barriers that limit the nationwide expansion of biofuels, reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, and encourage market participation from producers of all sizes. Additionally, we support efforts that would create clear and consistent labeling of higher biofuel blends, including E-15 and B-20 or higher, that are easy to understand for both retailers and consumers and would encourage the sale and proper use of biofuels.

Given the challenges facing our farmers from all sides on this issue, we appreciate your continued efforts to encourage increased sales and use of ethanol and biodiesel. Thank you for your work to make good on the promises that were made to our farmers and your commitment to rural America.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Member of Congress



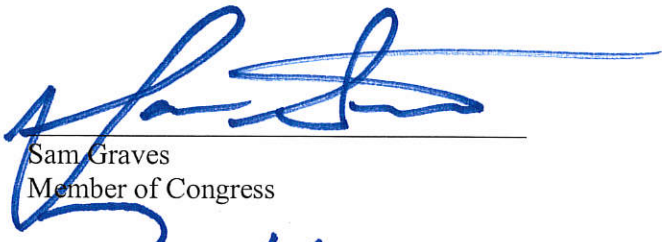
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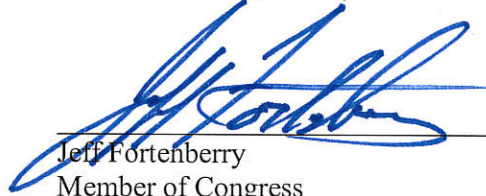
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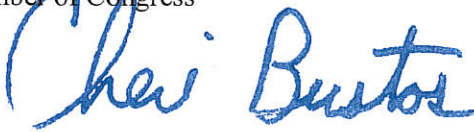
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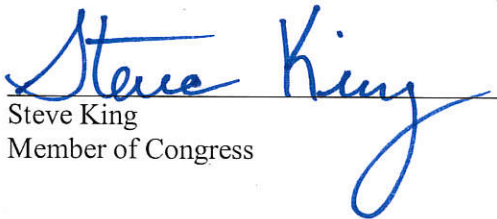
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