United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 5, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to request a meeting with you to discuss our urgent concerns about the final 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volume for biodiesel.

We are concerned the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering a volume level for biodiesel that is far below last year's actual production of nearly 1.8 billion gallons. Such a decision would not only harm economic growth surrounding biodiesel production in our states, but would be a setback in our national efforts to continue boosting U.S. energy security while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The biodiesel industry supports thousands of jobs in our states, and according to the EPA's own calculations, biodiesel reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 57 percent to 86 percent, making it one of the most effective fuels available for addressing climate change. In fact, it is the most successful EPA-designated "Advanced Biofuel" under the RFS today.

We respectfully request the opportunity to further discuss these concerns before final decisions on this matter are made.

Sincerely,

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