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Dear Congressional Leaders,

I write today to encourage your support for bipartisan legislation that allows for the year-round, nationwide sale of E15 fuel. This long-overdue reform would provide certainty for retailers, farmers, fuel producers, and consumers—ending the annual cycle of uncertainty that currently surrounds the availability of E15.

In recent years, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has taken emergency action to ensure consumers can continue to access E15 during the summer driving season. In addition, under the leadership of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, a coalition of Midwest governors formally petitioned the EPA to allow year-round E15 sales in their states. While the EPA has since approved this request, recognizing the many benefits of expanded access to E15, this allowance is not available to all consumers nationwide.

While this flexibility has been appreciated, we must move beyond temporary, stopgap solutions. Congress has the opportunity to make E15 permanently available all year long, across the country, and should do so quickly.

The need for this legislative fix is underscored by current headwinds in agriculture. From trade challenges to geopolitical instability, American farmers—especially corn growers—are navigating unpredictable and potentially volatile markets. Expanded domestic biofuel demand through E15 helps offset some of that uncertainty, providing a stable, value-added market for corn and reinforcing America's energy dominance.

Year-round E15 is good for consumers, who benefit from additional options at the pump, lower fuel prices, and reduced emissions. In 2024, Iowa drivers saved \$38.5 million in fuel costs by

choosing E15 rather than E10. It's good for rural economies and it's a commonsense action that Congress can take now to provide certainty in both energy and agricultural markets.

Thank you for your leadership and for supporting policies that keep American agriculture strong and growing.

Sincerely,

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