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Iowa Groups Announce Formation of Iowa RFS Coalition, Thank President Obama for Unwavering RFS Support

Coalition Will Focus on Protecting the Federal RFS in 2013

JOHNSTON, IOWA – A group of Iowa businesses and organizations today congratulated President Obama on his Inauguration and announced the formation of the Iowa RFS Coalition. In a letter to the President, also copied to both Iowa Senators and all four Iowa Congressmen, the Iowa RFS Coalition thanked President Obama for his unwavering support of the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and urged his continued strong support for agriculture and renewable fuels throughout his second term.

In part, the letter to President Obama read, “Throughout your first term, you and key members of your Administration—including Secretary of Agriculture and former Iowa Governor, Tom Vilsack—have shown tremendous leadership in supporting policies, such as the RFS, which help crack open the door for renewable fuels to compete against the highly entrenched petroleum industry.

“The Iowa RFS Coalition will stand with your Administration and the Iowa Congressional delegation to defend the RFS from false attacks. With your support, this vital policy will continue to thrive for the next decade unlocking cleaner, cheaper domestic fuel choices for American consumers.”

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association Policy Director Grant Menke stated, “With efforts to eliminate the RFS at peak intensity, the Iowa RFS Coalition looks forward to working with the President and the Iowa delegation to protect the RFS in 2013. Together, we will move forward for fuel choice.”

Current members of the Iowa RFS Coalition are DuPont, Iowa Biodiesel Board, Iowa Biotechnology Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Monsanto and Syngenta. The Iowa RFS Coalition will continue to welcome new members throughout 2013.

The Iowa RFS Coalition is a group of Iowa businesses and organizations committed to protecting and preserving the federal Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) through cooperative efforts of advocacy, outreach and education. The Iowa RFS Coalition opposes re-opening the federal RFS; recognizes that maintaining the federal RFS is critical to the Iowa and U.S. economies, our nation’s energy security and our planet’s air quality; and agrees that ethanol and biodiesel production are essential components of an all-of-the-above American energy solution.

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