

IOWA RFS COALITION

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

Dear President Obama,

Congratulations on your Inauguration and the beginning of your second term as President of the United States. Your strong support of agriculture and renewable fuels during the first four years of your presidency did not go unnoticed, and we urge your continued strong support for these priorities during your second term.

Today more than ever, there are powerful forces determined to limit consumer fuel choices and to keep renewable fuels out of the marketplace. In an effort to coalesce around a shared vision of energy innovation and independence through expanded use of ethanol, biodiesel and next generation biofuels, the undersigned Iowa businesses and organizations have joined together to announce the formation of the Iowa RFS Coalition.

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. We oppose re-opening the federal RFS; recognize 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 agree that ethanol and biodiesel production are essential components of an all-of-the-above American energy solution.

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. In addition to providing competition and consumer choice, policies like the RFS help meet our nation's economic, energy security and air quality goals.

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.

We believe that American energy independence is a worthy and achievable goal, and there is no question that expanding homegrown, renewable fuel options such as ethanol and biodiesel is a key part of this objective. Thank you again for your unwavering support of the RFS, and we look forward to working with you throughout your second term to help our nation take advantage of the many strengths of rural America.

Sincerely,

The Iowa RFS Coalition

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
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