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House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1313

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The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

We write to encourage you to prioritize the Renewable Volume Obligations for both 2021 and 2022 and the Biomass-Based Diesel Volumes for 2022 and 2023 to increase advanced biofuel volumes. As you know, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has yet to release a proposal for 2021, leaving uncertainty for all program stakeholders.

Advanced biofuels supported through the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) are critical to the success of rural America and the many hard-working Americans that depend on a robust biofuels industry. Further, low-carbon advanced biofuels are important to states and cities that are pursuing carbon reduction goals for clean, low-carbon transportation and home heating programs. The RFS ensures that all Americans can access cleaner fuels and benefit from the economic opportunities the advanced biofuel industry provides.

Biomass-based diesel reduces carbon emissions by an average of 74% compared to petroleum diesel. It also reduces emissions of criteria pollutants, which have a disproportionate impact on communities adjacent to transportation corridors. As Administrator, you set priorities for EPA that benefit the environment and reduce carbon; optimizing the RFS and avoiding cuts to the Biomass-Based Diesel Volumes for 2022 and 2023 will help achieve those goals.

In order to support the growth of the industry, it is critical that the Agency demonstrate commitment to the RFS through prioritizing the issuance of the RFS rule as soon as possible. It is also critical that your Agency properly account for any potential small refinery "hardship" exemptions, prevent any nationwide waiver of the RFS, and avoid rollbacks of any annual volume obligations. Additionally, addressing the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia's remand of the 2016 RFS rule will be another important step.

We encourage you to take these steps to restore integrity to the RFS. For 2023 and beyond, EPA will have discretion to set annual volumes in all categories of the RFS. As you move forward, we encourage you to continue growth in the RFS volumes to achieve the goals established by Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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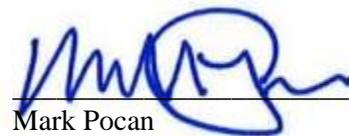
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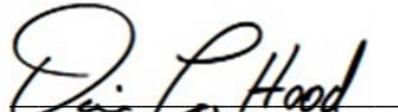


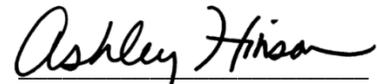
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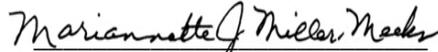
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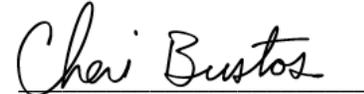
  
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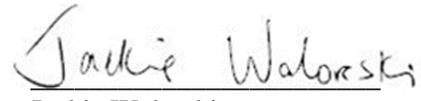
  
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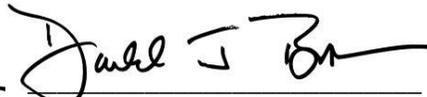
  
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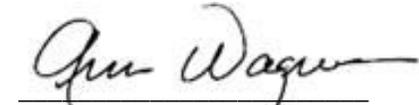
  
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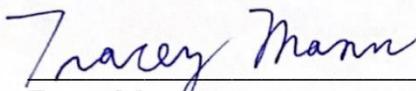
  
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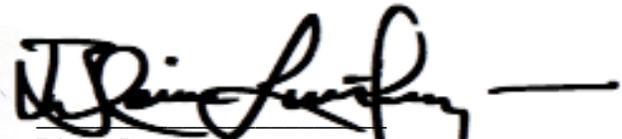
  
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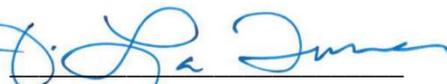
  
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