

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 23, 2015

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, FDA, and Related Programs  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Farr  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, FDA, and Related Programs  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member Farr,

As the Subcommittee begins work on the Fiscal Year 2016 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Programs Appropriations bill, we are writing to respectfully request the inclusion of language to limit continued government support for corn ethanol. The federal government's creation of an artificial market for the ethanol industry is negatively impacting American consumers, livestock farmers, food producers, retailers, air and water quality, and the ability to feed our nation's hungry.

One of the big drivers of ethanol prices and supply is an artificial market, created by the federal government. It is expected that this year over 40 percent of the U.S. corn crop will be used for ethanol production. As food and feed stocks are increasingly diverted into fuel, we will continue to see negative impacts on all Americans, particularly those who work and live in rural America.

For these reasons, we ask that you include these specific funding limitations in the legislation. We are encouraged that similar targeted language was included in the 2014 Farm Bill, and seek this additional broader language to most effectively address this important issue:

- *None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to construct, fund, install, or operate or to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to make grants for, the instillation of ethanol blender pumps.*
- *None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to promote, or to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture, who promote the export of ethanol from the United States.*

Again, thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



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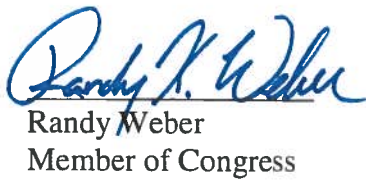
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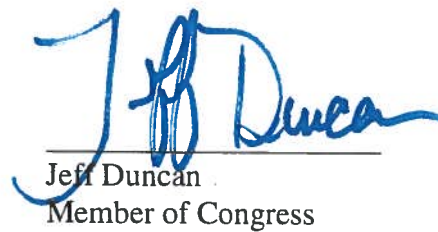
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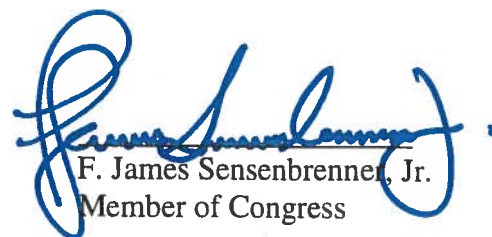
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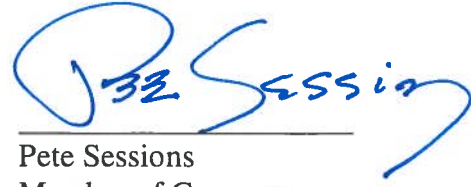
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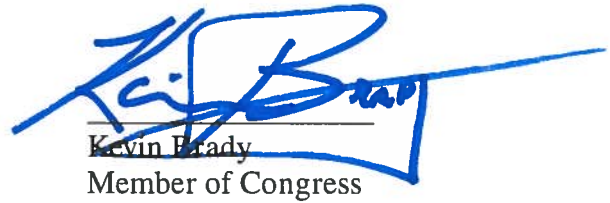
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