

January 7, 2026

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Pass a Year-Round E15 Legislative Solution as Soon as Possible**

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of America's farmers and their renewable fuel producing partners, we urge Congress to pass a legislative solution that allows for the sale of year-round E15 as soon as possible. This bipartisan, commonsense bill would permanently allow the sale of E15 – a 15 percent ethanol blend – nationwide, year-round, boosting farm income and lowering the price drivers pay at the pump.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture projects a record 16.8-billion-bushel corn harvest in 2025 – up roughly 13 percent from 2024. While this demonstrates the strength and productivity of America's farmers, it also intensifies pressure on corn prices and farm incomes. Without new markets, too many bushels will be chasing too few buyers, threatening to deepen the financial strain in rural communities.

Expanding E15 access is one of the most immediate and practical ways to address this imbalance. When fully scaled, year-round, nationwide E15 is poised to create new domestic demand for billions of bushels of corn and sorghum, help stabilize markets, support farmers, and deliver consumer savings at the pump.

A recent study found that nationwide, year-round E15 sales would:

- Add up to \$25.8 billion to U.S. GDP;
- Generate up to \$10.3 billion in household income; and
- Support more than 128,000 new full-time jobs across the economy.

Out of the total GDP increase, approximately \$7.3 billion would come directly from expanded ethanol production, and \$13.8 billion from increased corn demand – a powerful, measurable boost for America's farm and energy sectors.

Additionally, the benefit to the consumer cannot be understated. E15 typically sells for 10 to 30 cents less per gallon than standard gasoline, and more than 95 percent of vehicles on the road today are approved to use the fuel. With fuel prices fluctuating and household budgets under pressure, nationwide access to E15 offers drivers a reliable, lower-cost choice at the pump.

In recent years, E15 availability during the summer driving season has depended on temporary emergency waivers. While these annual actions provide short-term relief, they are not a sustainable or reliable solution. Year-to-year uncertainty discourages investment in fuel infrastructure, confuses consumers, and undermines confidence among retailers and refiners.

With record corn and sorghum crops filling bins across America, farmers cannot afford another season of uncertainty and negative margins. Markets need consistency and predictability, which requires permanent legislative action by Congress.

We respectfully urge you to act quickly to pass year-round E15 legislation. Doing so will:

- Ensure the record corn and sorghum crop finds a stable domestic market.
- Provide consistent access to lower-priced E15 for consumers nationwide.
- Provide predictability for retailers during the summer driving season.
- Strengthen America's energy security while reducing emissions; and
- Remove an outdated regulatory barrier and deliver meaningful economic growth across rural America.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support for America's farmers, biofuel producers, and consumers.

Sincerely,

Renewable Fuels Association  
Growth Energy  
National Corn Growers Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
Renew Kansas Biofuels Association  
Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association  
New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association  
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association  
Renewable Fuels Nebraska  
North Dakota Corn Growers Association  
American Coalition for Ethanol  
Iowa Renewable Fuels Association  
North Dakota Farmers Union  
Tennessee Corn Growers Association  
Nebraska Ethanol Board  
Virginia Grain Producers Association  
Michigan Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Corn Growers Association

South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association  
Indiana Corn Growers Association  
Virginia Farm Bureau  
Kansas Farm Bureau  
National Sorghum Producers  
Ohio Farm Bureau  
Missouri Farm Bureau  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation  
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation  
Delaware Farm Bureau  
Indiana Farm Bureau  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Iowa Farm Bureau  
Michigan Farm Bureau  
Illinois Farm Bureau  
Utah Farm Bureau Federation  
South Dakota Farm Bureau  
Minnesota Farmers Union  
South Dakota Corn Growers Association  
Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Nebraska Corn Growers Association  
Texas Farm Bureau  
Maryland Farm Bureau  
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association  
Kentucky Corn Growers Association  
Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation  
Wisconsin BioFuels Association  
Rhode Island Farm Bureau Federation  
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation  
Colorado Farm Bureau  
Alabama Farmers Federation  
Illinois Corn Growers Association  
Illinois Renewable Fuels Association  
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation  
Iowa Corn Growers Association  
Georgia Corn Growers Association  
Kansas Corn Growers Association  
North Dakota Farm Bureau  
Texas Corn Producers Association  
New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau  
New York Farm Bureau  
Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

North Carolina Farm Bureau  
Alabama Soybean & Corn Association  
National Farmers Union  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
California Farm Bureau  
Georgia Farm Bureau  
Oregon Farm Bureau  
Arkansas Farm Bureau

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