

April 23, 2026

Dear Members of Congress,

On behalf of a broad and diverse coalition representing fuel refiners, ethanol producers, agriculture stakeholders, and fuel retailers, we write to express our strong support for the bipartisan amendment #289 to the House Farm Bill that would allow for the year-round sale of E15 fuel and provide reasonable, targeted reforms to the Small Refinery Exemption process under the Renewable Fuel Standard, which was introduced by Representatives Michelle Fischbach, Randy Feenstra, Stephanie Bice, and Adrian Smith.

This amendment reflects a unique area of agreement across the fuel and agriculture supply chain. While our industries do not always see eye to eye, we are united in the belief that these policy reforms provide needed certainty, preserve consumer choice, and support agriculture and energy economies alike.

Importantly, this amendment does **not** mandate the sale of E15. Instead, it simply allows retailers to offer E15 to consumers during the summer months if they choose to do so. Maintaining access to E15 year-round empowers consumers at the pump with more options, particularly during periods of tight supply and high fuel costs, while allowing refiners and retailers to meet the demands of the market.

Year-round E15 sales also provide clarity and stability for farmers and biofuel producers who rely on consistent market access for the crops they grow and the fuels they produce. Predictable policy signals reduce risk, encourage investment, and help sustain jobs throughout rural communities without imposing new regulatory burdens.

In addition, the amendment's reasonable reforms to the Small Refinery Exemption process will help restore transparency and predictability for all parties subject to the Renewable Fuel Standard. A clear and consistent approach ensures that exemptions are applied as Congress intended, while avoiding uncertainty that can disrupt fuel markets, undermine compliance planning, and create volatility for producers and consumers alike.

Taken together, these provisions will help enhance fuel supply, promote competition, and help lower costs for American families, while providing needed certainty to farmers, refiners, ethanol producers, and fuel retailers. At a time when consumers are acutely sensitive to energy prices, this amendment represents a pragmatic solution that balances energy affordability, rural economic strength, and regulatory certainty.

We respectfully urge you to support this bipartisan Farm Bill amendment, encourage its inclusion as the legislation advances, and support final passage of the Farm Bill on the House floor. We stand ready to work with you to support policies that promote consumer choice, economic stability, and a reliable fuel supply for the nation.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership on these important issues.

Sincerely,



Agricultural Retailers Association



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American Farm Bureau Federation



Associated Equipment Distributors



American Petroleum Institute



Association of Equipment Manufacturers



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