



May 12, 2026

Dear Honorable Member of the US of Representatives-

On behalf of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) and the American ethanol industry, **we urge you to vote YES on H.R. 1346**, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act, when it comes before the House as early as Wednesday of this week.

This commonsense legislation simply ensures that consumers across the country may continue to access and choose lower-cost E15 fuel year-round. It is not a mandate for E15, nor does it require any retailer or consumer to use higher ethanol blends. Instead, H.R. 1346 removes an outdated and unnecessary federal barrier that currently prevents the sale of E15 during the summer months in much of the country.

At a time when American families remain highly sensitive to fuel prices, this legislation provides an immediate and practical way to help reduce costs at the pump. E15 routinely sells for 20 to 40 cents per gallon less than regular gasoline—and often even more during periods of market volatility—giving consumers meaningful savings every time they fill up. In many communities, drivers already actively choose E15 because it is a lower-cost fuel option that also delivers higher octane and strong performance.

Expanding year-round access to E15 strengthens domestic energy production, reduces reliance on foreign sources of petroleum, and creates additional market opportunities for America's farmers and rural communities. Farmers are not asking for checks; they are asking for fair and consistent access to the marketplace.

The environmental benefits of E15 are also significant. Higher ethanol blends reduce emissions of toxic aromatics and other harmful pollutants from gasoline while lowering lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional fuel. In addition, concerns about land use change or pressure on natural resources are misplaced. The modest increase in ethanol demand associated with year-round E15 is well within the productive capacity of America's existing corn supply chain. Corn grown for ethanol continues to support the food and feed system because ethanol production utilizes only the starch portion of the kernel, while the remaining protein, fiber, and oil are returned to the market as high-value animal feed and other products.

The United States has more than two decades of successful experience with ethanol-blended fuels. Millions of American drivers use E15 safely every day in approved vehicles because it is an affordable, American-made fuel option. H.R. 1346 simply allows those consumers to continue accessing that choice year-round.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to support American consumers, domestic energy production, rural economies, and fuel market competition by **voting YES on H.R. 1346**, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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CC:

The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader

The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy and Commerce