Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 30, 2014

The Honorable Edith Ramirez
Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Chairwoman Ramirez:

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the rising market prices for propane in the Midwest.

At the nation's second largest propane hub in Conway, Kansas, the spot price for propane has greatly exceeded the pricing at other major distribution centers such as Mont Belvieu, Texas. We have heard from many of our constituents that are concerned with the large disparity in pricing. It is our understanding that several factors have played a significant role towards the recent spike in propane pricing. These factors included late wet grain that increased the need for propane, extreme winter weather conditions that have strained the transportation of propane, and record high U.S. propane exports.

We request that this issue be given immediate and careful attention to ensure that consumer interests are being protected by the law.

Sincerely,

Steve King

Tom Latham

David Loebsack

Bruce Braley

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER