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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

Earlier this month the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) proposal for 2014, 2015, and 2016 with regards to the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS). I was very disappointed to hear that the proposed volumes were lower than the amount that has been mandated by Congress. Even before the proposed RVOs were released, I've been doing everything I can to share with you the thoughts and concerns of Iowans about the impact a reduction in the RFS would have on Iowa's farmers and rural communities.

I've held numerous roundtables across Iowa at ethanol and biodiesel plants, and I've heard from farmers, rural communities, and industry and I've seen the true impact this industry has had on my home state and the nation. Creating nearly 75,000 Iowa jobs and adding billions of dollars to our economy, the RFS is helping cut our dependence on foreign oil and replacing it with clean home grown fuel. In short, the RFS is working.

As you know the EPA's low blending volumes do not help to advance an industry that was created to become a fuel source of the future. I urge your office re-evaluate the proposed RVOs, recognizing the current proposal does not strengthen our energy supply or give consumers choice at the pump. I do appreciate the EPA holding this hearing and I appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Dave Loebsock