



Senate

State of Minnesota

September 18, 2019

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I write regarding recent federal actions on biofuels that are impacting corn farmers in Minnesota and across the country. First, I want to thank you for making it possible to offer E-15 year-round. That decision has strengthened corn growers and ethanol producers in Minnesota and offers consumers more choices at the pump. Unfortunately, not all recent federal actions have been so positive. The Environmental Protection Agency's decision to continue issuing small oil refinery waivers, including 31 in the month of August, has caused the demand for ethanol to drop by about 4 billion gallons. This is putting ethanol producers around the country out of business, including the Corn Plus Ethanol Plant in Winnebago, MN.

The continued issuance of small refinery waivers is hurting Minnesota farmers and businesses. It erases the gains made by allowing year-round sale of E-15. We ask that you cease the issuance of small refinery waivers.

Sincerely,

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