

May 7th, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

We write today regarding your recent commitment to allow 15 percent ethanol fuel (E15) to be sold year-round. This common-sense change will allow us the opportunity to consistently offer a less expensive, higher performing fuel to our consumers at stations across America.

There are almost 1,400 retail stations across America offering E15, and without this fix we will be forced to once again relabel our fuel dispensers to ensure that we are complying with federal law starting on June 1. If we did not properly label our fuel dispensers, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could fine each retail fuel outlet not in compliance \$37,500 per day.

Overall, E15 retailers will spend over \$1.5 million in unnecessary relabeling costs this summer, and relabeling only increases the risk of consumer confusion and misfuelling. We request that the timeline for fulfilling this commitment be provided so our businesses can properly and efficiently plan for the rapidly approaching 2018 summer driving season.

We also urge you to avoid implementing a cap on the price of Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and curtail the rapid expansion of so-called small refinery “hardship” waivers. These actions curtail the market incentive and certainty provided to our businesses to sell E15 and would render useless any decision to allow year-round E15 sales. Finally, a RIN cap and these blanket small refinery exemptions would abandon \$100 million in USDA infrastructure funding and our own private investments in E15 blends.

Thank you for considering our requests.

Sincerely,

