

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

We write to urge you to host a public hearing in Iowa on the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs), as our state leads the nation in biofuels production. In 2013 alone, Iowa produced nearly 3.8 billion gallons of clean burning ethanol and 230 million gallons of biodiesel. Iowa is also home to two new cellulosic ethanol facilities, with another coming into production later this year, and boasts retailers across the state that offer ethanol and biodiesel blends to consumers.

The EPA's long delay in issuing RVOs for 2014, 2015 and 2016, and its decision to deviate from the levels set by Congress has created uncertainty for the biofuels industry and hampered investment. The flawed justification that the EPA uses to defend the proposed levels, especially related to ethanol, raises questions about the agency's commitment to renewable fuels.

Unfortunately, despite having 18 months to listen to stakeholders and consider comments, the EPA's proposed RVOs fall short. Thus, we strongly encourage you to add a public hearing in Iowa that would enable EPA officials to hear from Iowans who work in and contribute to the biofuels industry. Iowa industry leaders, farmers, retailers and consumers are well positioned to provide valuable information and substantive feedback on how the proposed RVOs will negatively impact the agricultural and biofuels industries, consumer choice at the pump, and future investments in 2nd generation renewable fuels and infrastructure.

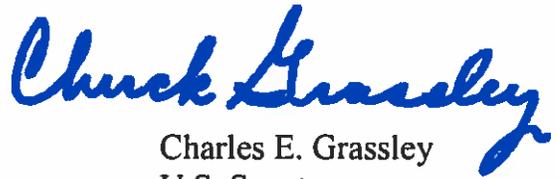
It is important for any federal agency to fully understand the implications of their rulemaking. We hope you will listen to Iowans who can provide technical and expert opinions on the workings of the RFS, solutions to the so-called challenges the EPA identified, and respond to flawed blend wall and infrastructure justifications.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing you in Iowa.

Sincerely,



David Young
Member of Congress



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U.S. Senator



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