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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Obama:

We, the undersigned companies and organizations representing the vast majority of U.S. biodiesel production and associated businesses, are writing to express our alarm at reports that the Obama Administration is considering a final Renewable Fuel Standard for 2014 that would slash our industry's production from last year's record and jeopardize its future.

As entrepreneurs and business leaders representing thousands of employees, we have followed signals from this Administration and invested billions of dollars in developing a U.S. biodiesel industry that has successfully delivered more than 5 billion gallons of EPA-designated Advanced Biofuel under the RFS since you took office. We are extremely concerned that you could be retreating on your previously unwavering support for biodiesel in a way that would have severe consequences for the industry's future.

Specifically, we want to state as clearly as we can that a decision to finalize a biodiesel volume of 1.28 billion gallons, as initially proposed by the EPA in November, would result in a sharp drop in production that would cause layoffs and plant closures, while sending a devastating signal that the Administration has thrown in the towel on its support for biodiesel.

Until this proposal was released by the EPA last year, that support was resolute. Visiting a Pennsylvania biodiesel plant on the campaign trail in 2008, you cited biodiesel as "an example of how we can create jobs, new industry, save our environment, recycle products that might otherwise go to waste." Two years later at a biofuels refinery in Missouri, you said: "I want us to be first when it comes to biodiesel and the technologies that are being developed (here)." And at a manufacturing plant in Holland, Mich., that same year you challenged the renewable energy doubters: "I want folks who have been pushing against these economic policies to explain to these workers why it would be better for these things to be manufactured in other countries, or why the solar plants and wind turbines and biodiesel refineries that are being built shouldn't have happened."

In fact, even as a U.S. senator in 2006, you introduced a bipartisan bill ("The American Fuels Act – S. 2446) with Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., that was a precursor to the current RFS. The bill was unique in that it specifically called for an alternative diesel standard of 2 billion gallons by 2015. At the time, this was a visionary goal. No one knew if it could be done.

But thanks to American innovation, the hard work of our employees, and strong, consistent federal policy under the RFS, the biodiesel industry almost reached that goal last year by producing nearly 1.8 billion gallons under the RFS. With stable policy, it is very likely that the industry will – a mere decade later – indeed reach your stated goal of 2 billion gallons by 2015.

This is a success story of which you and your Administration should be proud: A clean, renewable energy industry meeting a challenging goal that you envisioned 10 years ago.

Yet with this EPA proposal, this Administration is retreating. We urge you not to.

We are calling for modest, sustainable growth under the RFS that is consistent with last year's production, and that would pay significant national dividends in creating jobs and economic activity, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, building energy security, and diversifying our fuel supplies so that we are no longer solely dependent on petroleum. As you said last year in announcing your Climate Action Plan, "Biofuels have an important role to play in increasing our energy security, fostering rural economic development, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. That is why the Administration supports the Renewable Fuel Standard."

We hope and believe your Administration will live up to this commitment with a strong RFS standard for biodiesel in 2014 and beyond.

Sincerely,



Joe Jobe, CEO, National Biodiesel Board

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American Energy Producers, Inc., Carrollton,
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American Soybean Association, St. Louis, MO

AMERlgreen Energy, Inc., Lancaster, PA

Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Decatur, IL

Arkansas Soybean Association, Little Rock, AR

Baker Commodities Inc., Vernon, CA

Baker Commodities Inc. / Rochester, NY
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Benefuel Inc., Euless, TX

Bently Biofuels Company, Minden, NV

Biodiesel One Ltd., Southington, CT

Black Bear Biodiesel, Plainfield, VT

Blue Ridge Biofuels, LLC, Asheville, NC

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California Biodiesel Alliance, San Francisco, CA

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Elevance Natches, Inc., Natchez, MS

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Endicott Biofuels, LLC, Houston, TX
Environmental Operating Solutions, Inc.,
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Ever Cat Fuels LLC, Anoka, MN
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Green Earth Fuels of Houston, LLC, Houston,
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Green Gallon Solutions, N. Fort Myers, FL
GreenBiofuels, Miami, FL
GROWMARK, Inc., Bloomington, IL
HERO BX, Erie, PA
Illinois Soybean Growers, Bloomington, IL
Imperial Western Products, Coachella, CA
Imperium Renewables, Seattle, WA
Incobrasa Industries, Ltd, Gilman, IL
Integrity Biofuels, Morristown, IN
Iowa Renewable Energy, Washington, IA
Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Johnston,
IA
Iowa Soybean Association, Ankeny, IA
Jatrodiesel, Miamisburg, OH
Kansas Soybean Association, Topeka, KS
Kelley Green Biofuel, Goshen, KY
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Keystone Holdings, LLC, Golden, CO
Knack Process Design, St. Paul, MN
Knightsbridge Biofuels LLC, Tulsa, OK
Louis Dreyfus Claypool Holdings LLC, Wilton,
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Mcgyan Biodiesel, LLC, Anoka, MN
Methanex Corp., Gonzales, LA
Methes Energies International Ltd, Las Vegas,
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Mid-America Biofuels, Mexico, MO
Minnesota Biodiesel Council, Mankato, MN
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association,
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National Renderers Association, Alexandria, VA
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Nebraska Soybean Association, Lincoln, NE
New Leaf Biofuels, San Diego, CA
New York Corn & Soybean Growers
Association, Sackets Harbor, NY
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Northern Canola Growers Association,
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Texas Green Manufacturing, Littlefield, TX

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