

January 27, 2026

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

As corn farmers and ethanol industry leaders, we would like to sincerely welcome you back to the State of Iowa. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss the urgent challenge facing rural economies — we must grow demand for renewable fuels and agricultural commodities. While emergency farm aid is a necessary requirement of the current situation, farmers want the long-term solution provided by growing markets.

Most notably, Congress has appointed a [task force](#), co-chaired by Iowa's Rep. Randy Feenstra, to consider the critical need for nationwide, year-round E15 with a vote scheduled for the end of February. Without permanent access to this market, the long-term viability of our state's largest economic driver is at serious risk. **Today, we are asking for your help to finally push E15 access through Congress.**

America's corn farmers are struggling and being forced to often sell corn well [below the cost of production](#). When our corn farmers struggle, our ethanol plants struggle, our [ag sector](#) struggles and the entire Iowa economy struggles. In fact, the [Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank](#) just listed Iowa as 50th in terms of economic growth – dead last.

We are at a breaking point. Without immediate policy intervention to create new demand, we are looking at an avoidable decline in Iowa's rural economy. The most effective, zero-cost solution is the immediate authorization of nationwide, year-round E15. Removing the outdated regulatory hurdle for E15 is exactly the type of government efficiency you've worked for. This change would allow retailers to offer lower-cost E15 to customers. No one is required to sell it, nor is there any taxpayer money involved.

With you at our side, we have advocated, negotiated, and fought for E15 for a decade. The is nothing left to do but pass E15 legislation into law.

The Iowa Congressional Delegation have been loud and steady E15 supporters and for that we are extremely grateful. However, it is clear we need your help to get this across the finish line.

We urgently seek your ongoing assistance as Congress debates E15 over the next month. Permanent nationwide access to E15 is a common-sense, no-cost solution to strengthen American energy dominance and provide a vital lifeline to Iowa's growers. We look forward to your continued leadership on this issue and remain ready to work alongside you to move this critical policy across the finish line. Now is the time.

Sincerely,

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Steve Kuiper

Farmer from Knoxville, Iowa, and Iowa Corn Growers Association Vice President

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Monte Shaw

Executive Director, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association