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Dear Iowa Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of our membership and corn farmers across the state of Iowa, we are asking for your assistance and request engagement with the Administration to further release oil from the U.S. Strategic Oil Reserve. This request is intended to increase supply and lower the price at a key time as harvest season approaches.

I would also like to request that your office investigate legislative mechanisms to amend Internal Revenue Code Section 4082 or direct the IRS to grant administrative waivers during economic hardships to allow on-road trucks to utilize dyed fuel without penalty.

Over the next 60 days, farmers across the state of Iowa will begin harvest under continued high input prices – specifically diesel. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, on-highway diesel prices are up nearly 59% from last year and just under \$6 per gallon. These prices are up nearly \$.40 from just last week as continued world conflicts and supply pressure further eliminate any margin in this year's crop.

This time of year should be positive for Iowa farmers, but the concern of affordability looms large as diesel prices go above \$6 per gallon. This is accelerating the economic and mental stress farmers are feeling. We are asking for your assistance in lowering the cost of a key input, diesel, that every combine, tractor and semi utilizes during the culmination of the growing season. Thank you for consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

Steve Kuiper  
President  
Iowa Corn Growers Association

c.c. Governor of Iowa Kim Reynolds  
Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig