

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
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Dear President Biden,

For the past two years members of Congress have requested your administration to issue an emergency waiver to allow for the summertime sale of E15. Since the invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Russia has weaponized energy resources against Ukraine, Europe, and the United States.

Additionally, in April of 2023, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) as well as ten other major oil producing countries announced they would be cutting crude oil production to artificially manipulate the supply of oil.

For these reasons, as well as the additional choice given to consumers at the pump and the additional energy independence that comes from ethanol, your administration has approved emergency waivers for the summertime sale of E15 for the past two years.

Recently, on February 22, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency finalized its rule following a petition from eight Midwest governors, led by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, requesting the year-round sale of E15. This rule was finalized 574 days later than what is statutorily required. We, the Congressional Delegation of Iowa, were still encouraged to see it finalized. However, we were disappointed that it will not come into effect until 2025.

As we expressed to Administrator Regan earlier this week, we remain concerned that delaying implementation until 2025 will have devastating effects on biofuels producers, farmers, and families across the country, and especially in Iowa. Additionally, Russia continues to weaponize its energy resources, and the OPEC+ cartel is still artificially manipulating supplies to hurt American families.


We the undersigned urge you to once again issue an emergency waiver to allow for the summertime sale of E15, extending the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) waiver from June 1 through September 15. The summertime sale of E15 has supported farmers, created and sustained jobs, reduced our dependence on foreign oil, and given consumers a choice at the pump.

Thank you for your swift consideration on this request to utilize the strength of American agriculture to fight for American energy independence.

Sincerely,


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United States Senator


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