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Dear Administrator Johnson,

I want to express my support for Governor Perry's request for a waiver of 50 percent of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandate for ethanol produced from grain. I have witnessed the sharp rise in food prices at the grocery store as a result of RFS mandates. In this past year alone, eggs prices have risen by 22%, chicken by 5% and milk by 13.5%.

Though multiple factors can be attributed to rising food prices, there is no doubt that ethanol mandates are partially to blame, and therefore it is imperative that you grant Governor Perry's waiver request. As we struggle to cope with high gas prices and a weak U.S. dollar, Americans need relief at the grocery store now more than ever.

As a retail store operator, not only am I seeing the rising cost of commodity related products, but also the related costs of labor to process the changes and implement them at store level, which directly affects the bottom line and potentially can raise retails further.

Thank you,
Ron Jean