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Dear Administrator Johnson,

Please DO NOT approve Governor Rick Perry's request for a waiver of 50 percent of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandate for ethanol produced from grain. Granting this waiver would be a terrible mistake and is based on a misguided and uninformed public relations gimmick.

In fact the RFS is needed to move our nation toward energy independence. The real cause for the increase in food prices is the high cost of oil not renewable fuels.

Sincerely,
Gene Barkle