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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%. Example: The cost of milk for June increased .15 per gallon and this has been the trend for the last ten months. All products affected by corn or grain has increased drastically over the last 12 months. The responses from consumers have been significant. High gasoline and food prices are causing many of our shoppers severe problems right now. Escalation of prices could cause panic and chaos.

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.

Thank you,
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