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Dear Administrator Johnson,

The U.S. ethanol policy needs to change before it causes further damage to our economy. Please approve Governor Rick Perry's request for a waiver of 50% of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandate for grain-based ethanol.

Though ethanol has many negative effects, food prices have the most direct impact on Americans. Some estimate that increased biofuel demand accounts for 39% of the increase in corn prices, 21% of the increase in rice prices and 22% of the increase in wheat prices.

Please do not ignore the negative implications of ethanol mandates and grant Governor Perry's waiver request today.

Sincerely,  
Tony McDuffie