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I am writing to urge the EPA to approve an increase in the amount of ethanol that can be blended in conventional gasoline to 15%.

Increasing the amount that can be blended into gasoline will help grow our economy and create American jobs. I strongly believe what's good for agriculture is good for the country.

The science overwhelmingly supports E15 – in fact, there has been more testing of E15 than there has been of any other fuel additive in the history of the EPA waiver process.

A report studying blends ranging from E10 to E85, prepared for the Energy and Environmental Research Center and Minnesota Center for Automotive Research for American Coalition, found exhaust emission levels for all vehicles at all blend levels are within the applicable Clean Air Act standards.

Maintaining a healthy ethanol industry is important to national security and the financial well-being of U.S. farmers. Utilization of higher levels of ethanol are environmentally positive. Increasing the ethanol blend not only provides for national security, a sound economy and is environmentally friendly, it will help supply the ever increasing energy needs of this country.

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Ethanol is completely biodegradable and carries no risk for contamination. It is now blended in 70% of U.S. gasoline and has completely replaced the carcinogen MTBE as a fuel additive. Ethanol is also energy efficient. When corn is processed into ethanol, there is a net energy gain of 67% (Argonne National Laboratory).

The success achieved by the ethanol industry should not be halted due to a blend rate cap of 10%. We need an increase that will provide an opportunity for this industry to grow. Producing ethanol from a renewable domestic energy source is good for corn farmers, the environment, our national security, and rural communities.

We thank you for your positive consideration on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

HERTZ FARM MANAGEMENT, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James M. Rebhuhn', written in a cursive style.

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