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Our statement is attached, please let me know if you have any questions – Chris

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Growth Energy Statement on White House RFS Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Growth Energy released the following statement regarding today's White House meeting on the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

"We are grateful the Administration will deliver on its promise for year-round E15 sales," Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor said.

"Eliminating regulatory red tape so consumers can access this legal fuel year-round is a benefit to American drivers nationwide who appreciate that more biofuels means cleaner air and more savings at the pump. We hope the president's decision will be acted on immediately so families can benefit during peak summer travel months.

"With the RIN cap officially dead, Senator Cruz is attempting to revive an old gimmick in a last-ditch attempt to kill ethanol demand. His scheme to generate RINs on exports was put to rest last fall with Administrator Pruitt's [letter to several senators](#), outlining a series of RFS commitments.

"Attaching a RIN to ethanol exports would have a crippling impact on American agriculture — significantly reducing demand for ethanol and corn. It would also have major trade implications, as export RINs would be considered a subsidy by our global trading partners, who will likely challenge this as unnecessary advantage to U.S. ethanol. Further, export RINs would be a clear violation of the RFS, which is intended to increase the domestic use of biofuels. We continue to thank our Congressional champions for standing firm against efforts to destroy ethanol demand."

Last fall, Growth Energy commissioned [research](#) that showed the damaging impacts of an export subsidy for biofuels. The analysis shows immense impact on jobs, rural economies, and corn prices. Key findings include the following:

- Corn losses of \$27.9 billion over the next four corn marketing years,
- An immediate drop of corn prices by 56 cents per bushel, and
- A reduction of 25,000 jobs supported by U.S. ethanol exports.

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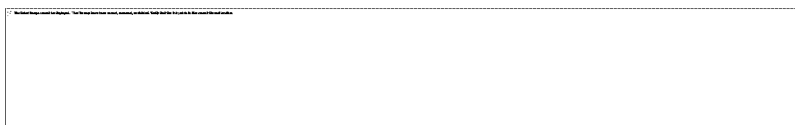
From: National Alliance of Forest Owners [info@nafoalliance.org]
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Subject: RSVP for the NAFO Congressional Reception: April 17

Please join the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) for our annual Capitol Hill Congressional Reception on Tuesday, April 17, from 6-8 PM in the Capitol Visitor Center, Room SVC 208-09.



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Capitol Visitor Center, Room SVC 208-09



The main entrance to the Capitol Visitor Center is located at the corner of First Street and East Capitol Street NE, across from the Supreme Court. Upon entering the CVC, guests should report to the Senate Appointment desk on the lower level to check in with a government issued ID. Please note that the CVC prohibits guests from bringing in certain items, including food and drinks and large bags.

This event adheres to both the House and Senate Ethics Committees' guidelines regarding widely attended events.

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Sent: 4/12/2018 5:58:43 PM
Subject: Growth Energy Welcome President Trump's Support for E15

FYI

Growth Energy Welcomes President Trump's Support for E15

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor today applauded President Trump's commitment to lifting outdated Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) limits on summer-time sales of E15 without tying RVP relief to any refinery-backed limits on Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) and the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

"We applaud President Trump for embracing a common-sense fix to create a level playing field for cleaner, more affordable fuel options during the summer driving season. The White House clearly understands that RVP relief will expand a growing market for America's farmers while letting consumers pick the fuel of their choice.

"This simple fix allows retailers to offer better options alongside traditional blends all year long."

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CC: Chris Bliley [cbliley@growthenergy.org]; Emily Skor [ESkor@growthenergy.org]
Subject: Letter from Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor on small refinery waiver reports
Attachments: 04 04 18_EPA Letter Small Refinery Exemption_FINAL.PDF

All:

Attached please find a letter to the Administrator from our CEO, Emily Skor, regarding the reports of small refinery waivers. I'm doing a bit of pinch hitting for Chris Bliley this week – please let any of us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
John

John Fuher | Vice President of Government Affairs

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April 4, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of Growth Energy's 90 biofuel production facilities, we are gravely concerned about troubling reports that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) small refinery 'hardship' waivers to an unprecedented number of refiners, many of which are neither small nor experiencing economic hardship. If true, exempting these profitable refiners from RFS volume obligations in this manner undermines the RFS and wholly contradicts your pledge to Congress to uphold the law and administer it consistent with Congressional intent.

We request EPA immediately cease issuing waivers and pause any waiver applications being considered under section 211(o)(9) of the Clean Air Act until the agency conducts a full, transparent public comment process to help assure all stakeholders that the new expansion of small refinery waivers is consistent with the goals of the RFS.

Reports made public yesterday indicate EPA has decided to award small refinery waivers to virtually any interested petroleum refining entity that processes less than 75,000 barrels of oil a day, regardless of whether that entity is part of a business with a much larger overall refining capacity or truly struggling to access a supply of biofuels to blend. The liberal use of these waivers is not the intent of the provision nor is it consistent with past application, which was applied narrowly to only a few refining entities. The current reported use of this provision has expanded far beyond what was intended by Congress, and some estimates indicate these actions would effectively cut ethanol demand by 1.5 billion gallons, resulting in a reduction of more than 500 million bushels of corn demand. This would be catastrophic to a farm economy already under significant financial stress.

Equally concerning is that EPA appears to be operating under the cover of night in a secretive process where the agency acts as judge, jury, and executioner to effectively reduce the overall demand for biofuels in this country absent any public discourse. Furthermore, EPA did this while influencing White House-led discussions aimed at bridging the gap between merchant refiners and biofuels producers. These decisions appear to be timed so they do not require disclosure in the yearly RFS Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) rulemaking process, adding further suspicion that the EPA is pressing its thumb on the scale to grow oil industry profits.

In addition to our request that EPA stop issuing waivers and pause any waiver applications currently under review, we ask that you provide public details of the following:

1. The number of refineries that have applied for this waiver every year since the RFS rules were finalized in 2010 and the aggregate refinery capacity of these requests,
2. The number of refineries that have been granted this waiver every year since the RFS rules were finalized in 2010 and the aggregate refinery capacity of these granted waivers,
3. Clarity on EPA's plans to replace the gallons lost when providing these waivers,
4. Assurances that the timing of these decisions is not intended to shroud the process in secrecy and prevent stakeholders from commenting about lost gallons through the annual RFS rulemaking process, and
5. A pledge to make such a financially impactful process open to public scrutiny rather than withholding all information regarding these waivers.

We look forward to your response, and would be happy to discuss this issue with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Skor", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emily Skor, CEO
Growth Energy