

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 204060

To Administrator Regan:

While we were encouraged to see the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalize its rule approving year-round sales of E15 fuel blends on February 22, 2024, we remain concerned that delaying implementation until 2025 will have devastating effects on biofuels producers, farmers, and families across the country.

In April of 2022, eight Midwestern governors, led by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, submitted a letter urging the Biden Administration to allow year-round sales of E15. Under current law, the EPA is required to act upon this request within 90 days. Yet, it was not until March 6, 2023, just days before biofuel producers were set to halt production, that a waiver for E15 sales was granted.

Now, over a year and a half after the statutory deadline, the EPA issued its final ruling to allow for the year-round sale of E15 in 2025, a year after the Biden Administration's initial proposed implementation date of April 28, 2024.


Each day, farmers provide access to homegrown fuel that is good for the environment, good for America, and good for national security. Nearly every other row of corn in Iowa is used to create biofuels that reduce greenhouse gas emissions by roughly 50%. The biofuels industry supports 57,000 jobs in Iowa, reduces prices at the pump, and contributes \$7.2 billion to Iowa's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Further, ethanol reduced U.S. crude oil imports by 600 million barrels in 2022.


This delay in permanent, year-round E15 sales punishes American families and farmers who have already faced record inflation, skyrocketing fuel prices, and uncertainty in the market as a result of this Administration's economic policies. The Administration's continued delays in its decision-making and implementation date put the hardworking farmers who feed and fuel this nation last.

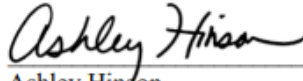
As the Congressional delegation for the nation's top ethanol producing state, we request, once again, that the EPA immediately implement its rule to ensure E15 is available year-round no later than March 31, 2024.


Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your swift implementation of year-round E15 sales.

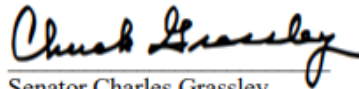
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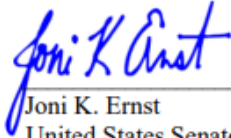

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