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The Honorable Roger Marshall, MD
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Dear Doctor Marshall,

On behalf of Kansas' ethanol, renewable diesel, and biodiesel plant workers and their farmer partners, thank you for your consistent and staunch support of our industry.

As you know, Kansas produces more than 600 million gallons of clean-burning, renewable ethanol each year, utilizing 27 percent of the state's corn and 30 percent of the state's grain sorghum. Similarly, Kansas' production of 60 million gallons of clean-burning biodiesel adds value to every bushel of soybeans grown in the state. Kansas' biofuels industry provides high quality jobs for plant workers in rural communities and generates nearly \$4 billion in annual economic activity, making it a vital piece of our state's agriculture economy.

Like others across the state, Kansas' farmers and biofuel producers have felt the economic impact of the coronavirus emergency, which has disrupted demand for food, animal feed, and transportation fuels. We appreciate your leadership as co-chair of the House Biofuels Caucus in calling on your congressional colleagues and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to provide economic assistance during the crisis.

You have gone above and beyond in your commitment to helping us emerge as a stronger industry. We applaud your co-sponsorship of the bipartisan Clean Fuels Deployment Act of 2020, which would provide grant funding for installing and converting fuel pump infrastructure to deliver higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel and increase Kansans' access to cleaner, better fuels.

We also thank you for your strong support of the Renewable Fuel Standard, especially your consistent attention to the Environmental Protection Agency's attempts to undercut the program with small refinery exemptions. As you know, these exemptions have a negative impact on Kansas' biofuel industry and rural communities. We support your call for the U.S. Government Accountability Office to review EPA's misuse of exemption waivers and the Department of Energy's viability scores of petitions. Additionally, we appreciate your support in calling on EPA to raise RFS volumes to expand the market for cleaner fuels.

Lastly, we appreciate your support for free trade and market development for Kansas' biofuel producers. Thank you for joining your colleagues in a letter to U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer encouraging him to prioritize fair and equitable treatment of the U.S. ethanol industry in bilateral trade negotiations with Brazil. Your efforts appear to be paying off, as Brazil is moving to restore the zero-duty exemption for U.S. ethanol.

Kansas' farmers and ethanol, renewable diesel, and biodiesel producers recognize and appreciate your consistent support. Your efforts are helping build markets for Kansas products, increase Kansans' access to cleaner fuels, and generate opportunities for economic growth across the state.

Sincerely,

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