

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

November 8, 2013

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

I'm angered and frustrated that under your leadership Administrator Gina McCarthy and her staff at the Environmental Protection Agency are promoting policy options that would reduce the renewable volume obligations (RVOs) under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). I urge you to come to Iowa and visit with workers in the renewable fuels industry, where we are strengthening the economy and creating jobs thanks to the current RFS.

The recently leaked EPA draft regarding RVOs is an unprecedented pivot from current energy policy that will severely damage economies all across the Midwest and endanger consumer choice at the pump for years to come. Just this past July you touted this policy, stating that "biofuels are already reducing our dependence on oil, cutting pollution, and creating jobs around the country."

More than 63,000 of the jobs you mentioned in your July statement are in my home state of Iowa, a national leader in the innovation and production necessary to replace foreign oil. The EPA's proposal on RVOs is an affront to the pioneering leaders across America that produce biofuels – from places like Southern California, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, and Illinois – and support 400,000 good paying jobs that American citizens are proud of.

Given your history of support for this policy and your current climate change agenda, I'm stunned that the White House is caving to big oil instead of holding them accountable to the statutory requirements they have been aware of since 2005 and 2007. Since casting your votes in support of the Energy Policy Act in 2005 and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 you have led a White House that has promised cleaner resources for the future.

The RFS has the potential to give real meaning to your climate change agenda and leaders in Iowa and across the nation have made investments that could turn the hope of homegrown, renewable energy resources into reality and free us from the costs and risks tied to big oil and foreign markets. Unfortunately, the leaked RVO numbers will injure the biofuel infrastructure indefinitely. I ask that you and your staff reconsider the

EPAs proposal and provide RVO guidance that stands up to big oil and supports investments in clean energy and domestic jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Braley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bruce Braley  
Member of Congress

cc: Administrator Gina McCarthy, EPA