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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Trump:

We greatly appreciate your efforts to restore the China market and expand other export opportunities for U.S. soy, but domestic market opportunities are still necessary. We urge your administration to prioritize the finalization of policies that will boost biofuel production while promoting the utilization of domestic inputs like soybean oil. Importantly, it is critical the administration finalizes its proposal to limit Renewable Fuel Standard credit generation for foreign feedstocks and biofuels.

We applaud your leadership to pursue an American energy dominance agenda, and commend the Environmental Protection Agency, National Energy Dominance Council, and U.S. Department of Agriculture for ongoing work to bolster domestic energy through the increased production of biofuels made from domestic feedstocks. These initiatives create new potential for U.S. soybeans, as increased biofuel production expands domestic market opportunities and spurs new investment in soybean processing.

Approximately half of the soybean oil processed in the U.S. is used for biomass-based diesel production. Unfortunately, soybean oil is now losing out to feedstocks deemed "waste" like used cooking oil and beef tallow which are predominantly imported and incentivized in West Coast low carbon fuel programs. These state policies have pushed soybean oil and other domestic agricultural products into becoming residual feedstocks – or the feedstocks of last resort.

Your support for U.S. energy security has encouraged policy to ensure federal biofuel programs support fuels made with domestic products rather than Chinese "used cooking oil" and foreign beef tallow. The EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard proposal for 2026-2027 included historic increases for biomass-based diesel. We were particularly grateful for new mechanisms to stem the growing surge of imported "waste" feedstocks. The numbers are clear, as more foreign feedstocks and biofuels entered the U.S. market, the price of soybeans fell precipitously. This proposal will be an economic driver for the U.S. soybean industry. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act amended the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit by removing harmful provisions that penalized U.S. farmers while also limiting eligibility to fuels produced using North American feedstocks. These policies will drive additional soybean processing investments domestically while boosting biofuel production—a key value-added domestic market for U.S. soy.

It is imperative that your administration act urgently to finalize these policies to support U.S. soybean farmers during this time of economic uncertainty. Specifically, we urge EPA to finalize yet this year 2026-2027 renewable volume obligations as proposed, including implementing provisions to disincentivize fuel and feedstock imports. We also request full accounting for waived volumes from 2023-2025 small refinery exemptions. Additionally, we encourage the U.S. Department of the Treasury to promulgate as soon as possible new 45Z tax guidance that corresponds to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act revisions you signed into law. The biofuel industry needs certainty before 2026 to actualize new investments. Finalizing these policies cannot wait.

Mr. President, your administration has been a strong champion of American grown biofuels since you signed the Executive Order Unleashing American Energy on day one. We need your support to get these key policies across the finish line before the end of the year.

Sincerely,

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