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Administrator Regina A. McCarthy
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write to express my concern about the proposed renewable volume requirements for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Governor Pence wrote to you previously on January 21, 2014. At that time, the U.S. EPA was considering reducing the 2014 volume requirements. Now, over eighteen months later, the 2014 requirements are still not complete and neither is the requirement for 2015. I urge you to take swift action to correct the delay, to keep volume requirements as high as possible, and to provide industry with greater certainty in the future.

The proposed reductions in the renewable volume requirements and the delays by the EPA in setting them have created uncertainty for the Hoosiers involved in this industry, particularly with the 2014 and 2015 requirements that remain incomplete. Industry decisions on growth, investment, and employment are being dampened given this uncertainty. This must change for our nation to realize the objectives put in place by Congress when the renewable volume requirements were established.

While Congress gave the EPA some discretion to adjust volume requirements, Congress did not contemplate that the EPA would restructure the program in the process. It is imperative that the EPA keep the renewable volume requirements as high as possible to provide our farmers and our biofuels industry with as much market certainty as possible.

A nation with a diverse energy supply is better equipped to handle the challenges of the 21st Century and supply consumers with a broader array of energy choices. With certainty in

regulations and markets, our farmers and our biofuels industry will confidently make the investments that help our country achieve greater energy independence and security by reducing our reliance on foreign oil. Greater availability of biofuels will also support broader installation of blender pumps and the manufacturing of more flex fuel vehicles, leading to increased fuel options for consumers, which will put downward pressure on fuel prices and drive our economy forward.

As you make final determinations on the renewable volume requirements, I urge you to make the process as open and transparent as possible. Stakeholders must have an opportunity for substantive contribution to the process, particularly those stakeholders who bear the responsibility of meeting the requirements. Furthermore, I urge you to establish volume requirements beyond 2016 so that business investment decisions can be made with a longer time horizon.

I am deeply concerned about the proposed renewable volume requirements for 2014, 2015, and 2016, and I urge you to move quickly on setting the requirements and keep the requirements as high as possible so that Hoosier farmers and biofuel industry participants will have certainty and stability going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Ellspermann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Ellspermann

Lt. Governor, State of Indiana