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March 5, 2012

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We were pleased to hear your call for an "all of the above" energy policy in your State of the Union Address, including a renewed commitment to supporting domestic alternative energy. With this in mind, we write as strong supporters of the U.S. biodiesel industry to express our concern about the ongoing delay with the final rule establishing the 2013 biodiesel volume requirement under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Biodiesel is creating jobs, bolstering our energy security and improving the environment. We urge you to do everything you can to finalize the EPA's initial proposal establishing a volume of 1.28 billion gallons as soon as possible.

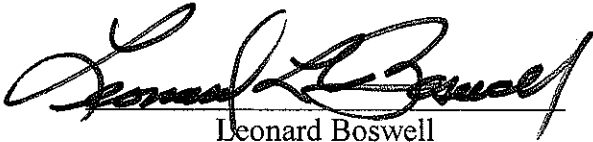
As you know, in June of last year, the EPA proposed raising the RFS volume requirement for biodiesel from 1 billion gallons in 2012 to 1.28 billion gallons in 2013. The EPA made this recommendation after rigorous review demonstrating that the requirement is readily achievable in a sustainable manner, with tremendous benefits to the nation in terms of economic growth, national security and the environment. In fact, increasing biodiesel production from 1 billion gallons to 1.28 billion gallons would support more than 10,000 new jobs. With 1.28 billion gallons of overall production, the biodiesel industry would support 50,725 jobs nationwide, along with \$2.7 billion in household income and \$4.9 billion in GDP.

The biodiesel industry has clearly demonstrated its ability to meet its RFS requirements through a variety of sources like recycled cooking grease, soy and canola oils, and animal fats. In fact, the industry was a bright spot in the program in 2011, producing a record 1.1 billion gallons of biodiesel "made in the USA" and replacing an equal amount of imported finished diesel fuel.

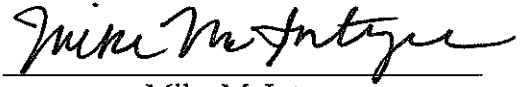
Your Administration's choice is an opportunity to further our shared priority of job creation and economic recovery. Approving the EPA's proposal to increase the biodiesel volume requirement by a modest 280 million gallons will create American jobs and improve our environmental and energy security. The status quo, however, will reverse the growth of the domestic biodiesel industry, downsize manufacturing jobs, and increase our dependence on imported oil.

We believe the latter choice would be devastating, particularly in this economy. We urge you to do everything you can to ensure that the EPA's proposal for 1.28 billion gallons is finalized in a timely manner. Jobs depend on it.


Most Respectfully,



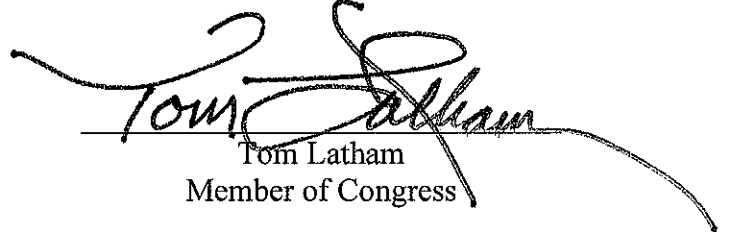
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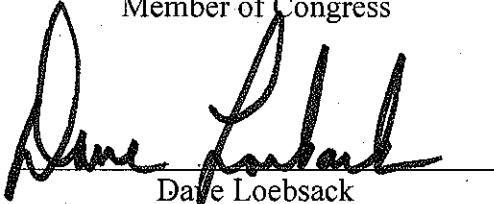
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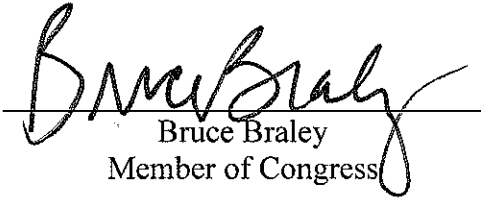
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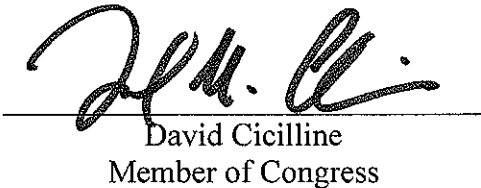
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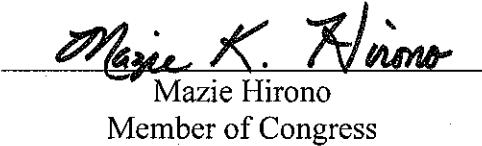
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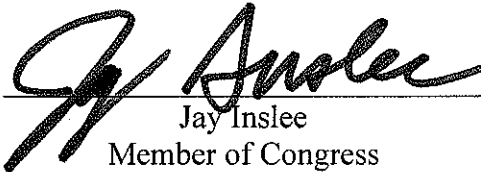
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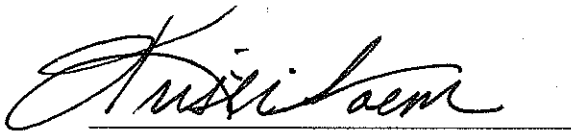
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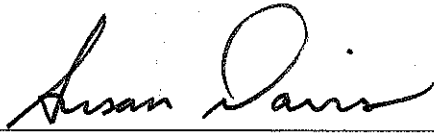
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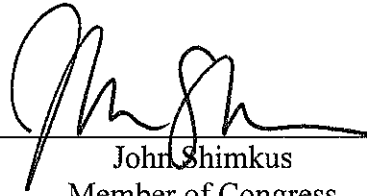
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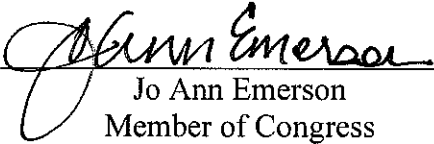
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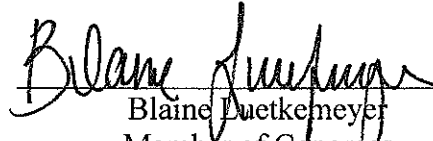
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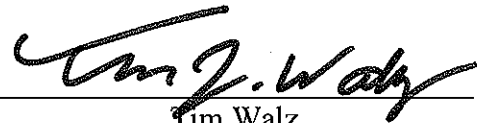
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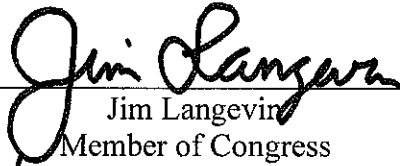
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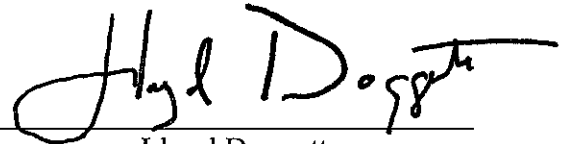
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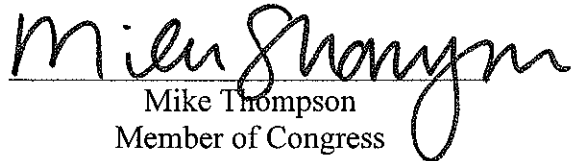
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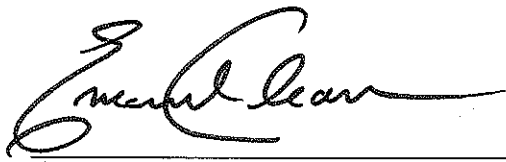
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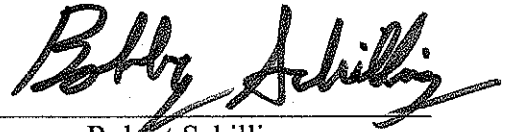
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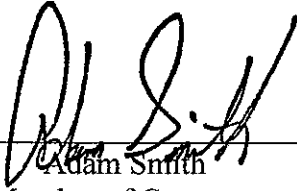
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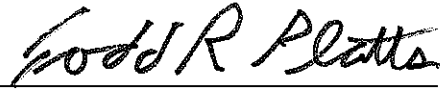
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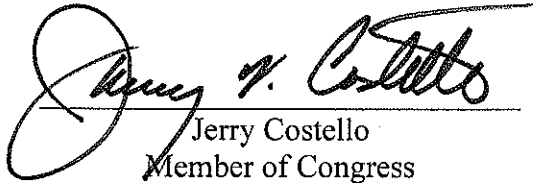
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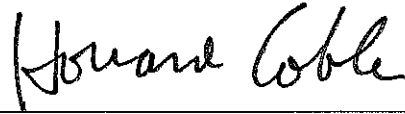
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