



June 25, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chairman  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Leaders Schumer and Pelosi, and Chairman Hatch and Brady:

On behalf of a diverse community of biodiesel producers, feedstock providers, blenders, fuel marketers and consumers, we are pleased to announce that we have united around a single position – to maintain and extend the biodiesel tax credit at the blender level.

The blenders credit has worked successfully to build a robust biodiesel and renewable diesel industry. As a result, the U.S. biodiesel and renewable diesel market has grown from roughly

100 million gallons in 2005 to nearly 2.6 billion gallons in 2017. The tax credit is an important demand stimulus, which improves plant efficiencies, encourages investment in U.S. distribution infrastructure, and supports high-paying jobs throughout the country, while providing fuels that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. On top of this, it has afforded customers such as the trucking industry and heating oil users fuels that are more economic and environmentally competitive. Extending the biodiesel blenders credit will allow us to continue to provide the economic and environmental benefits associated with the program.

Unfortunately, the uncertainty caused by the “on-again, off-again” tempo of legislative extensions, including the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 which retroactively extended the biodiesel tax incentives through the end of 2017, has somewhat frustrated our sector’s ability to anticipate the availability of the incentives and make the necessary investments. This severely disrupts access to capital, as well as the ability to hire and expand. Given that Congress has frequently extended the credit retroactively, market participants have come to reasonably rely on the credit being retroactively extended when undertaking business and investment decisions. Accordingly, the undersigned trade associations and companies urge Congress to restore the tax credit as soon as possible.

To provide certainty in planning, we believe Congress should extend the full \$1.00 per gallon tax credit for 2018 and 2019. Beyond that, we are seeking long-term certainty, including a permanent tax incentive at a level that will continue to foster growth in the domestic biodiesel market.

Since the credit's inception, the market responded as Congress intended. We urge Congress to extend this successful program.

Sincerely,

Advanced Biofuels Association  
American Trucking Associations  
National Association of Convenience Stores  
National Biodiesel Board  
National Renderers Association  
NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truckstops  
New England Fuels Institute  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America