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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer,

As the second session of the 119th Congress nears adjournment next month, I write on behalf of the grassroots members of the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE), to urge you in the strongest possible terms to lead the U.S. Senate to quickly enact bipartisan legislation enabling fuel retailers across the country to sell low-cost E15 to consumers all 12 months of the year.

The U.S. House of Representatives already passed bipartisan E15 legislation in May. It is time for the U.S. Senate to similarly recognize the sense of urgency and act before the end of this year.

Gas prices have soared throughout 2026, and the pain at the pump continues. In fact, Americans paid more for gasoline last week on November 3 than on any election day in U.S. history. Election results sent an unmistakably clear signal that affordability remains voters' top concern.

Year-round E15 is an enduring and proven solution to address that concern. E15 has saved Americans 20 to 30 cents per gallon on average this year, and in some markets the savings have been considerably greater. Recognizing the ability of E15 to help combat pain at the pump, leaders in both parties have acted. The Trump Administration again issued a nationwide emergency waiver to keep E15 on sale this summer. Republican Governors Kim Reynolds of Iowa and Jim Pillen of Nebraska led the effort that secured year-round E15 across the Midwest. Additionally, earlier this year, Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom worked with legislators from both political parties to unanimously adopt legislation to allow E15 sales in California. Now, it's the Senate's turn to complete a bipartisan federal fix.

This is not a new issue. Year-round E15 was included in the year-end funding package in December 2024 before being dropped at the last minute, the House passed it again in May, and consumers have now relied on emergency waivers for five consecutive summers. Retailers and consumers deserve certainty, not another stopgap.

Gasoline supply is expected to remain tight due to refinery damage in the war between Russia and Ukraine, and when combined with the effects of ongoing conflict in the Middle East, gas prices continue to pose an economic threat to American families and businesses.

You have the opportunity in front of you to respond to voters and mitigate that threat. It is time for the U.S. Senate to act on behalf of all Americans by adopting bipartisan E15 legislation to provide widespread relief for American consumers.

Sincerely,



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