

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 21, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write to respectfully request that you expedite consideration of a petition from the U.S. Canola Association to allow renewable diesel facilities that utilize canola oil to receive advanced biofuel credit under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Canola oil is a commercially viable feedstock used for biofuel production, but it has not been utilized by renewable diesel producers due to the lack of an approved pathway under the RFS. In 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed pathways for biodiesel and renewable diesel produced from “soybean oil and other virgin plant oils” – which included canola oil. However, when the EPA finalized the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions determination and finalized the rulemaking in 2010, it approved pathways for “soybean oil” and subsequently only approved a pathway for *biodiesel* derived from canola oil, but not for *renewable diesel*.

We understand that in order to qualify as an advanced biofuel, a determination must account the fuel’s lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions as having at least a 50 percent reduction as compared to petroleum diesel. Since the pathway for biodiesel derived from canola oil was finalized in 2010, the EPA has approved several renewable diesel pathways, including for feedstocks similar to canola oil like cottonseed oil, and camelina oil. Similar pathways for canola oil, as called for by the petition submitted by the U.S. Canola Association in March 2020, are warranted and would build on the existing models and updated analyses the EPA has already done for similar feedstocks.

As demand for low carbon fuels increases, it is critical that the EPA continue to diversify available feedstocks under the RFS to utilize market efficiencies, protect against price volatility, and meet the growing demand. We respectfully request that you work with the U.S. Canola Association to expedite the consideration of renewable diesel facilities to utilize canola oil and receive advanced biofuel credit under the RFS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator



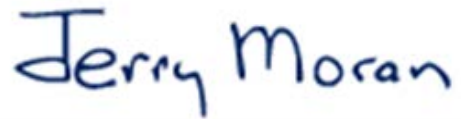
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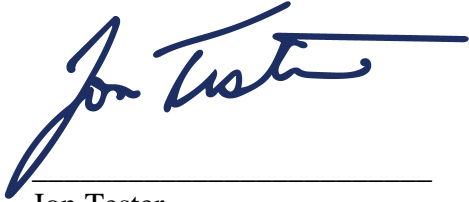
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