



June 19, 2020

The Honorable Mike Thompson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures
U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson,

As the Ways and Means Committee contemplates moving a package of clean energy tax provisions included in the GREEN Act, we would like to thank you for your vision and express our strong support for your proposed extension of the suite of advanced biofuels tax incentives.

As you know, domestic advanced biofuels including cellulosic ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel and algal biofuels promise to provide several important environmental and public benefits. Advanced biofuels lower greenhouse gas emissions, replace harmful carcinogens and toxic additives, reduces particulate matter and carbon monoxide from tailpipe emissions, all while increasing lubricity in certain engines. The advanced biofuels tax incentives featured in the GREEN Act will support U.S.-produced fuels that constitute a technological step beyond fossil fuel energy, boost feedstock prices and farmer incomes, encourage buildout of associated infrastructure, and back continued research that drives down the costs of biofuel production.

The need for a stable biofuels tax policy, like those prescribed by the GREEN Act, is even more pressing because the biofuels sector has been amongst the hardest hit industries due to COVID-related demand destruction for transportation fuels. In a matter of weeks, more than half of the biofuels industry went completely offline, placing tens of thousands of jobs at immediate risk and straining rural economies.

For these reasons, the long-term extension of the Second Generation Biofuel producer tax credit, the special allowance for Second Generation Biofuel Plant Property, the Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel blenders credits, the extension of the begin construction date for section 45Q, and allowing a direct pay option for 45Q credits are all critical to our sector. Additionally, the investment credit for Alternative Fuel Refueling Infrastructure is another important component

which will help our industry recover by incentivizing retail fuel outlets to make alternative fuel infrastructure investments and upgrades.

Most of the above-mentioned credits expire in just 6 months. Providing durable multi-year extensions of these credits will confirm the federal government's commitment to clean highway transportation fuels and sustainable aviation fuels, hearten investors, and support the construction of high-tech cellulosic and advanced biofuel refineries. Please let us know what we can do to help get these invaluable extensions promptly to the President's desk for signature.

Sincerely,

Advanced Biofuels Business Council
Algae Biomass Organization
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
Growth Energy
National Biodiesel Board
Renewable Fuels Association