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Th Honorable Bill Hilty
559 State Office Building
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Re: E85 Grant Program

Chairman Hilty,

I am writing to ask for your support of the E85/intermediate ethanol blend infrastructure development grant program. It has come to our attention that the grant program funding is in jeopardy. While we understand the current budget concerns, we request your support for continuation of the E85 and blender pump grant program funding.

Freeborn County Coop Oil Company has been a longtime supporter of E85, carrying the product at five of our locations. Due to increased demand for E85 and now intermediate ethanol blends (E20-E50), we plan to install thirteen blender pumps in Minnesota this year. With assistance from the E85/blender pump grant program, our company will have the opportunity to offer more homegrown, renewable products to our customers, supporting local families and jobs in our communities.

The economic, energy security and environmental benefits of E85 and intermediate ethanol blends to the state of Minnesota are clear. We understand that it is necessary to make cuts to programs like this one to balance the budget; however, we ask that the cut is small and allows this important project to continue, building upon the great success Minnesota has had in developing a nation leading renewable fuel infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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