



**EPA RFS Hearing Testimony  
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Hello, my name is Grant Kimberley. I serve as the director of market development for the Iowa Soybean Association, and the executive director of the Iowa Biodiesel Board.

I also farm near Des Moines with my father.

In these roles, I bring a unique perspective to you. I represent the entire Iowa biodiesel chain — from the farmers who grow soybeans, to biodiesel manufacturers, to petroleum marketers and other industry stakeholders.

I'm asking EPA to consider the National Biodiesel Board's request for a biomass-based diesel volume that is at least 2.75 billion gallons in 2019. That's a moderate increase from what we already saw in 2016. I'm also asking EPA to set an advanced biofuel volume for 2018 of at least 5.25 billion gallons.

EPA's current proposed volumes would stall biodiesel, an important Iowa manufacturing sector, at a time when it is already operating below its capacity. The U.S. can meet production demand, and has substantial room for growth, which EPA's proposal does not acknowledge.

We believe the agency should be more aggressive in meeting Congress's goals to move this country toward advanced biofuels. This would create more jobs, improve the economy and benefit public health and the environment throughout the country.

We also strongly oppose any efforts to further reduce the volumes, which would be devastating to our industry.

Lower volumes of biomass-based diesel and advanced biofuel will make it harder for U.S. biodiesel producers to compete in their own country. Imports already receive unfair advantages, and a shrinking RFS means even less opportunity for our producers.

The biodiesel industry has raised concerns over these tax and trade issues, but the fact that we see biodiesel imports is not a reflection of our domestic industry's production capabilities. On the contrary, we're operating below capacity.



Iowa is the nation's top biodiesel-producing state. Our producers made 305 million gallons in 2016. Research from ABF Economics shows that last year, Iowa biodiesel helped support:

- 3,800 jobs
- \$480 million GDP
- \$300 million of household income in Iowa

Biodiesel has revitalized many rural areas in Iowa, and reversing course would harm those communities.

Biodiesel also makes farming more profitable. It contributes about 63 cents per bushel of soybeans, while lowering the price of meal for livestock producers and the food supply.

The RFS is one of the most successful bipartisan energy policies ever created to facilitate job growth and the diversification of our nation's energy supply.

Increasing demand under the RFS can help President Trump reaffirm his commitment to growing the supply of American-made fuels.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.