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**TO:** Michael Kelsey, Nebraska Cattlemen  
Larry Sitzman, Nebraska Pork Producers  
Susan Joy, Nebraska Poultry Industries  
Keith Olsen, Nebraska Farm Bureau  
John Hansen, Nebraska Farmers Union  
Duane Kristensen, Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers  
Mike Thede, Nebraska Ethanol Board  
Scott Merritt, Nebraska Corn Growers  
Don Hutchens, Nebraska Corn Board  
Barb Kliment, Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers and Grain Sorghum Board

**FROM:** Governor Heineman

**DATE:** May 21, 2010

**RE:** Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC)

Please find attached copies of the letters I sent this week to the members of our Congressional Delegation regarding proposed legislation addressing U.S. ethanol policy.

I know from my visits with Nebraska farmers, ranchers and agribusiness owners that a variety of opinions exist regarding continuation of the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC) and the import tariff on foreign ethanol. However, I believe that continuation of these policies is important to the ongoing success of the ethanol industry, and I believe that a successful ethanol industry is important to our state as a whole.

I also understand and appreciate the importance of a strong livestock sector to Nebraska. While the pork, beef, and poultry segments have endured a couple of extremely difficult years, the various factors which influenced corn prices in the later part of the past decade seem to have stabilized. I am hopeful that this will lead to profitability moving forward for all segments of our agriculture industry.



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May 20, 2010

The Honorable Lee Terry  
2331 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Terry:

I am writing to encourage your ongoing support of Congressional legislation that will continue current federal government policies that are important to the success of Nebraska's ethanol production industry.

As you know, the Renewable Fuels Reinvestment Act, H.R. 4940, extends the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC), the ethanol import tariff, and the cellulosic biofuel producer tax credit. These policies have contributed to the development of an industry that includes over 1,000 jobs throughout rural Nebraska and supports \$3 billion in economic activity in the state.

I appreciate your co-sponsorship of this legislation. I ask that you work with U.S. House of Representatives leadership to move this bill forward in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2010

Senator E. Benjamin Nelson  
720 Hart Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am writing to encourage your ongoing support of Congressional legislation that will continue current federal government policies that are important to the success of Nebraska's ethanol production industry.

As you know, the GREEN Jobs Act of 2010, S. 3231, extends the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC), the ethanol import tariff, and the cellulosic biofuel producer tax credit. These policies have contributed to the development of an industry that includes over 1,000 jobs throughout rural Nebraska and supports \$3 billion in economic activity in the state.

I appreciate your co-sponsorship of this legislation. I ask that you work with U.S. Senate leadership to move this bill forward in a timely fashion.

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The Honorable Adrian Smith  
503 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

I am writing to encourage your support of Congressional legislation that will continue current federal government policies that are important to the success of Nebraska's ethanol production industry.

As you know, the Renewable Fuels Reinvestment Act, H.R. 4940, extends the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC), the ethanol import tariff, and the cellulosic biofuel producer tax credit. These policies have contributed to the development of an industry that includes over 1,000 jobs throughout rural Nebraska and supports \$3 billion in economic activity in the state.

I would appreciate your support of this legislation, and ask that you work with U.S. House of Representatives leadership to move this bill forward in a timely fashion.

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