



Contact Your Rep and Ask for a 'Yes' Vote on Biofuels Standard!

Call by Monday, April 12, 2021!

The House could take a vote as soon as next week. The bill ([HSB 185](#)) would set a minimum standard of biofuels in the Iowa fuel supply. For biodiesel, it means most on-road Iowa diesel would contain at least B11 (11% biodiesel) during April - October, beginning in April of 2022. A tax credit of 4 cents-per-gallon, for on and off-road B11, would be in place November – March. A 6 cpg tax credit for B20 would remain in place year-round for on and off-road fuel.

By reforming existing biofuel tax credits, this legislation would redirect significant sources of revenue into needed infrastructure.

Please reach out to your House Rep and ask for their vote in favor of this vital legislation! Find some suggested points you may wish to make below.

[Find your rep's contact info here.](#)

- Iowa's economy has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, the derecho and drought. The increased economic activity generated by biodiesel production and associated spending circulates throughout the entire Iowa economy, creating jobs and tax revenue.
- Our state should prioritize using Iowa-manufactured products, like biodiesel, over fuel made from foreign oil.
- Several states already have aggressive low-carbon fuel requirements in place, with more on the horizon. Other states already have a biodiesel standard in place, including Minnesota. Missouri and Illinois have introduced similar legislation this year too, which would form a corridor that puts states on an equal level.
- As the nation's top biofuels-producer, Iowa's fuel standards can evolve and transition with the consumer interest and demand. This legislation will help Iowa remain America's leading producer of renewable energy, strengthening this vital manufacturing sector.
- This is Iowa's response to lowering carbon emissions and remaining the leading biofuels producer. This is next generation legislation. This is about moving Iowa forward in tandem with our leadership in the production of renewables -- we're number one in biodiesel, number-one in ethanol.
- A strong biodiesel industry supports farmers. By increasing soybean oil value, biodiesel supports 13 percent of the price per bushel of soybeans. This equated to \$1.17 per bushel in 2020, while lowering the price of meal for livestock producers and the food supply.
- When farmers have an opportunity to participate in the energy market, they are able to diversify their operations – that benefits Iowa's communities and our future.
- Greater use of biodiesel means cleaner air for Iowa. Biodiesel reduces greenhouse gasses by up to 86 percent and is meets EPA requirements of an "Advanced Biofuel."
- Adding biodiesel to diesel improves the overall quality of the diesel fuel supply, through biodiesel's improved lubricity and other benefits.