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Dear Professor Hurt:

Thank you for agreeing to testify on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at 1:30 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, at the Subcommittee on Energy and Power hearing entitled "Overview of the Renewable Fuel Standard: Stakeholder Perspectives."

In this Subcommittee's June 26, 2013, hearing entitled "Overview of the Renewable Fuel Standard – Government Perspectives," the Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Information Administration, and Department of Agriculture all concurred that the RFS faces near-term implementation challenges, particularly in 2014. In addition, many commenters to the Committee's white paper series on the RFS noted these challenges.

You are scheduled to testify on the third panel, which will address agricultural and food sector issues – including the impacts of the RFS throughout the agricultural economy and the effect on food prices.

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit stakeholder input on the current status of RFS implementation, with a particular focus on potential modifications to the program that would help avert emerging problems and maintain its long-term viability. Please address these potential modifications in your testimony.

The attached documents provide important details concerning the preparation and presentation of your testimony.

- The first attachment describes the form your testimony must take.

- The second attachment provides you with Electronic Format Guidelines that detail how to file testimony electronically.

- The third attachment provides you the Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

- The fourth attachment provides you with a Truth-in-Testimony Disclosure form and a Truth-in-Testimony instruction sheet.

Please be aware that, in accordance with the Committee's usual practice, witnesses have a right to be represented by counsel, who may advise the witnesses on their Constitutional rights, but cannot testify. In addition, hearings are open to audio, video, and photographic coverage by accredited press representatives only.

If you have any questions concerning any aspect of your testimony, please contact Ben Lieberman or Tom Hassenboehler of the Energy and Commerce Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Enclosures: (1) Form of Testimony
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