

## REP. ZACH NUNN TESTIMONY

### MEMBER DAY – COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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- Thank you, Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva for providing a forum for non-Natural Resources Committee Members like myself, to articulate policy priorities within this Committee's jurisdiction.
- **Mr. Chairman, I also want to commend you for your leadership on this important Committee and your efforts to steward our natural resources, reduce energy costs, and boost fuel production.**
- As a member of the House Agriculture Committee in a Farm Bill year, I know how important it is to take advantage of every opportunity to discuss policy that falls within the jurisdiction of both the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees. These conversations are crucial to advancing our shared priorities.
- **As you may know, Iowa leads the nation in the production of biofuels thanks to our hardworking corn and soybean farmers. In fact, nearly every other row of corn grown in Iowa is used to create biofuels.**
- Each day, these farmers provide access to homegrown fuel across the nation and the world.
- **The biofuels industry supports countless jobs, reduces prices at the pump, and provides billions of dollars in exports.**
- In 2022 alone, the ethanol industry provided nearly 80,000 U.S. jobs, \$34.8 billion in household income and contributed \$57 billion to the nation's GDP.

- **If that isn't enough, ethanol reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 52 percent when compared to gasoline.**
- And, on average, biodiesel and renewable diesel provide a greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 74 percent.
- **The biofuel industry drives the Iowa economy and is vital to our nation's energy security.**
- That's why I fought to protect critical clean energy tax cuts during Congress' debt limit negotiations and continue to fight on behalf of the biofuel industry as we craft the 2023 Farm Bill.
- **Our farmers and producers feed and fuel our demanding world.**
- It is important that we have their backs and include them in our conversations on appropriations measures and the 2023 Farm Bill.
- **I've joined my colleagues in cosponsoring legislation such as the Next Generation Fuels Act, Consumer Fuel Retailer Choice Act, COST Act, and others to boost the production of these important fuels.**
- Further, I have worked to hold the Biden Administration accountable to its promises.
- **During a House Agriculture Committee hearing, I questioned Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Micheal Regan about the EPA's promise to allow for the year-round sale of E-15.**

- With just days to spare before our ethanol producers flipped the switch on E-15, the Administrator announced an approval for the sale of E15 during the summer of 2023.
- **I remain committed to securing permanent, year-round E15 sales starting in 2024.**
- Mr. Chairman, it is clear that our farmers and biofuel producers steward our natural resources and provide innovative solutions to our nation's fuel needs.
- **Biofuels are good for the environment, good for America, and good for our national security.**
- It is crucial that members of this Committee understand the role renewable fuels play in ensuring America secures energy independence by lessening our reliance on bad actors and foreign adversaries for the nation's fuel needs.
- **Thank you, again, for the opportunity to appear before you today.**
- I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help support our farmers and biofuels producers by advancing legislation that expands and enhances our biofuel programs.
- **I yield back the balance of my time.**