

**Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. **Name:** Geoff Cooper
  
2. **Organization you represent:** Renewable Fuels Association
  
3. **Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:**
  - Geoff Cooper has served as RFA's President & CEO since 2018, Previously he served as RFA's Executive VP overseeing market analysis and policy research.
  - Prior to RFA, Cooper served as Director of Ethanol Programs for National Corn Growers Association.
  
4. **Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:**
  - Cooper is an appointed member of the California Air Resources Board's Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program Advisory Panel, as well as the Oregon Clean Fuels Program Rulemaking Advisory Committee.
  - Cooper has also been appointed to the Midwest Governors Association's (MGA) Advanced Transportation Fuels Advisory Group, as well as MGA's Low Carbon Fuels Policy Advisory Group.
  
5. **If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:**
  - Geoff Cooper serves as RFA's President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and is testifying in that capacity.

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## GEOFF COOPER

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Geoff Cooper is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), the ethanol industry's leading national trade association.

He previously served as RFA's Executive Vice President, overseeing policy research and market analysis, guiding regulatory affairs, and leading strategic planning for the association. Geoff also oversaw efforts related to economic modeling, lifecycle analysis, sustainability and co-products.

He has served as an appointed member of the California Air Resources Board's Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program Advisory Panel, as well as the Oregon Clean Fuels Program Rulemaking Advisory Committee. Geoff was also appointed to the Midwest Governors Association's (MGA) Advanced Transportation Fuels Advisory Group, as well as MGA's Low Carbon Fuels Policy Advisory Group. He also served on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Agricultural Advisory Committee and was named to the U.N. Expert Roundtable on Biofuels & Food by the Commissioner for Human Rights. He has testified on behalf of RFA before state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies.

Geoff has discussed ethanol, energy, and agricultural issues on CNBC, Fox News, Fox Business News, and National Public Radio, and has been quoted by the Associated Press, Reuters, Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and numerous other print and online media outlets. He was named one of the nation's Top Lobbyists four years in a row (2018-2021) by *The Hill* newspaper. Geoff also received the ethanol industry's prestigious "High Octane Award" in 2017, and has twice been selected as one of "Top 100 People in the Bioeconomy" by the readers of *Biofuels Digest*.

Prior to joining RFA in 2008, Geoff served as Director of Ethanol Programs for the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), where he led research and promotional efforts to increase the production and use of corn-based ethanol. He was the lead staff person for NCGA's Ethanol Committee from 2005-2008, and was instrumental in developing the association's "15x15x15" initiative, a strategic goal to grow 15 billion bushels of corn and produce 15 billion gallons of corn-based ethanol by 2015.

Previously, Geoff served as a Captain in the U.S. Army, specializing in bulk petroleum supply and logistics. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for developing a life-cycle cost analysis of the components of the Fuel System Supply Point, which is the Army's primary means for the receipt, storage and issuance of bulk petroleum products to combat forces under tactical conditions.

A Wyoming native, Geoff graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He earned his master's degree at Webster University in St. Louis. Geoff and his wife Julie have two children, Liza and Tommy.