

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1902

June 19, 2018

Dear Chairman Shimkus,

Thank you for holding a hearing on Advanced Biofuels under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) on Friday, June 22nd, 2018. The Maine forest products industry is extremely interested in this program and the potential for bio based ethanol to revive the rural Maine economy, which has been hit hard by several mill closures the past couple decades.

If a representative from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a witness at the hearing, I respectfully request the following question be submitted for the record:

1. Mr./Mrs. (EPA employee): There are many agriculture-based fuels out there other than corn ethanol. Some of them, like biomass power, have even been approved to produce RINs under the Renewable Fuel Standard - but the agency has yet to process any of these applications.
 - a. When can we expect to see biomass power qualified to produce RINs so that states like Maine that have little corn production can also participate in the RFS?

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please let me know if there is anything I can do to help with this process.

Sincerely,



Bruce Poliquin
Maine 2nd District Congressman