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Ms. Galperin,

I am writing to convey Kansas Farm Bureau comments and support for the Proposed Rule; Renewable Fuel Standard Program; Grain Sorghum Oil Pathway.

Kansas Farm Bureau is the largest farm organization in Kansas, representing 30,000 farmer and rancher members, many of whom rely on grain sorghum as an integral, water conserving crop in their rotation. We view expanding the number of sorghum ethanol coproducts via the grain sorghum oil pathway, as an opportunity to add value to grain sorghum and help maintain it as an economically viable crop for Kansas farmers.

Sorghum is an important crop in the great plains region and Kansas is by far the largest producer in the U.S. Roughly a third of the U.S. sorghum crop is used to produce ethanol annually and ensuring that sorghum ethanol coproducts such as sorghum oil have the same market access as corn ethanol coproducts, is essential to maintaining and growing ethanol usage of sorghum in the future.

Several ethanol producers have already begun extracting sorghum oil, so approval of this rule will immediately bring in almost 20 million additional ethanol-equivalent gallons of advanced biofuel into the nations fuel supply. Given the political, economic and environmental uncertainty occurring in the world, the need for domestically-produced, job-creating and clean-burning sources of fuel, like those that will be produced from sorghum oil, have never been more important than now.

We thank you for this opportunity to comment and appreciate your efforts on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Mark Nelson
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