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Majority Leader Chuck Schumer
United States Senate

Speaker Mike Johnson
United States House of Representatives

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate

Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries
United States House of Representatives

Via Email

As Congress works to re-authorize the Farm bill, we write to express our strong support for the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance program (the “9003 Program”). Today, the program provides mission critical loan guarantees, to cutting edge companies, that are expanding U.S. agricultural biomanufacturing capacity and creating new jobs in rural communities. It also provides a platform to provide grant support for critical infrastructure needs.

The 9003 program assists the country in leveraging abundant natural resources to build markets for new biobased products, renewable chemicals, and renewable fuels like sustainable aviation fuel. Growth in these markets helps rural communities expand their economic base, increase resiliency in supply chains, and enhance competitiveness around the globe.

Notably the 9003 Program has long garnered bipartisan support. The upcoming Farm Bill is an opportunity to strengthen the program’s overall funding and its ability to offer both loan guarantees and grants to support critical infrastructure development. Bipartisan legislation has been introduced to modernize the loan guarantee program and revive a grant component (e.g., S. 2987, H.R. 6413, H.R.5235).

Strong commitments to growing America’s ag-based bioeconomy will not only bolster rural revitalization but help address environmental challenges and increase U.S. international competitiveness – which, according to recent studies, has fallen behind in key market segments – and improve national security.

Please support the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance program, as you consider Farm Bill legislation and funding.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Organizations:
Agriculture Energy Coalition
Advanced Biofuels Association
Algae Biomass Organization
Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition
American Biogas Council
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
Delaware Prosperity Partnership
Environmental & Energy Study Institute
National Hemp Association
National Rural Lenders Association
National Rural Lenders Roundtable
Third Way

Companies:

Aequor Inc.
Alder Renewables
Alfa Green Solutions
Allotrope Partners LLC
American Diversified Enterprises
Ameris Bank
Barger Tech, Ltd.
Biogas Development Holdings
Byline Bank
Captis Aire
Circular Economy Solutions LLC
Citroniq Chemicals
CJ Biomaterials
Clarant
Danimer Scientific
DG Biofuels
DMC Biotechnologies
Energy ETI
Geno
Gingko Bioworks
Global Biofuel Solutions
Global Project Finance Advisory Council
Godavari Biorefineries USA
Great Plains Development Authority
Greeley Green Energy
Haffner Americas
Iconoclast Industries
International Flavors and Fragrances (IFF)
Itaconix PLC
Kalion
Life Cycle Associates
Live Oak Bank
Louisiana Green Fuels
Manus Bio
Matereal
Modular Genetics
National Corn to Ethanol Research
Nordic Low Carbon, LLC
Northwest Advanced Bio-Fuels, LLC
Nuseed
Origin Materials
Plasma Development LLC
Poulterra Inc.
Praj Industries Americas
Sage BioAdvisors
Silva Renewables
Solugen
Strategic Biofuels
Synonym
USA Bioenergy
Velocys
Verde Clean Fuels
Verde Resins
Verentis Advisors
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