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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

As the Senate Finance Committee considers a package of expiring tax provisions, we write to express our support for extending in its current form the \$1-per-gallon biodiesel tax credit. This provision has successfully encouraged the blending of biodiesel and renewable diesel into transportation and heating fuels, thereby displacing the use of traditional petroleum products with cleaner, renewable sources of energy.

The Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA), the National Association of Truck Stop Operators (NATSO), the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA), the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS), and the Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA) represent the majority of biodiesel blenders, producers and marketers in this country, and we urge Congress to include a multi-year, retroactive “clean” extension of the \$1-per-gallon biodiesel tax credit.

Providing a tax credit for biodiesel blenders promotes biodiesel *consumption* in the United States. Specifically, providing a tax credit to biodiesel blenders fosters favorable blending economics, enabling fuel marketers that blend the product into conventional diesel fuel to offer consumers more competitive prices, thereby increasing consumer demand. Indeed, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has indicated that having the biodiesel blenders tax credit in place leads to additional demand for biodiesel, which in turn enables EPA to effectively implement the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in the manner that Congress intended. Changing this credit could compromise the value to the consumer and unnecessarily disrupt the biodiesel marketplace.

The biodiesel blenders tax credit is extremely important to a burgeoning industry that is set to produce nearly 2 billion gallons of product in the coming years. In addition, the credit improves America’s energy security by diversifying our sources of fuel.

The biodiesel blenders tax credit has worked in its current form. In order to build upon this success, we urge the Committee to promptly extend the credit for 2015 and future years as well.

Sincerely,  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA)  
NATSO, Representing America’s Travel Plazas and Truckstops  
Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA)  
National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS)  
Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA)