



August 30, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing on behalf of the more than 38,000 members of the National Corn Growers Association regarding the pending notice seeking public comments on letters requesting a waiver of the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Across the nation, our members are beginning one of the busiest times of the year – harvest. Given the demands of harvest I am concerned that the proposed 30 day comment period will not provide sufficient time for a thorough analysis of the proposed waiver and would hinder farmer participation in this important policy process. Also, with the crop still in the field, it is too early to determine this year's final corn supply.

Therefore, due to the importance of this issue to America's farmers and due to the uncertainty regarding this season's harvest, I ask that you extend the time for comments from 30 to 60 days.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry Niemeyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Garry Niemeyer
President, NCGA