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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  
Clariant  
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  
Vertimass LLC  
Virentis Advisors  
Viridis Chemical  
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