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Via email [Rebecca.Tan@ontario.ca](mailto:Rebecca.Tan@ontario.ca)

Dear Ms. Tan,

**Re: EBR 013-1929: Amendments to Ethanol in Gasoline (Reg. 535/05), and Greener Diesel – Renewable Fuel Content Requirements for Petroleum Diesel Fuel (Reg 97/1)**

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is the largest voluntary, general farm organization in Canada, representing over 37,000 farm families across Ontario. As a dynamic farmer-led organization based in Guelph, Ontario, OFA works to represent and champion the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations and more. OFA is the leading advocate and voice for Ontario farmers.

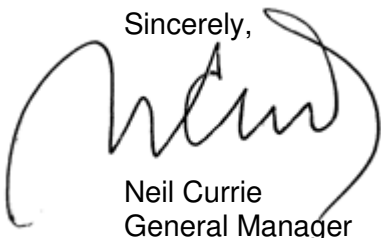
OFA supports amendments to the regulated ethanol fuel requirement increase to 10%, and the accompanying amendments to require ethanol to emit fewer GHG than petroleum, and to incent renewable fuel technologies through compliance options.

Among the clearest signals government can provide industry to enable market adoption and investments in technology, is adopting increased renewable fuel standards. OFA also recommends the Government examine the actual effectiveness of the proposed amendments to the emergence of new fuel technologies.

In addition, OFA recommends the Government commit to establishing renewable fuel standards for renewable natural gas (RNG) and send a clear signal recognizing the climate benefits of capturing and destroying methane through farm-based biogas systems and the benefits of refining biogas to RNG.

OFA further recommends, considering the climate benefits of primary agriculture, that the government consider coloured diesel used in the agricultural sector be excluded from the carbon levy for fuel purchased by a farmer that is delivered to their farm land.

Sincerely,



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