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Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the American Carbon Alliance, I write today to strongly urge your support for extending the **45Z Clean Fuel Production Tax Credit (CFPC)** and finalizing its implementation guidance as soon as possible. For rural America, 45Z isn't just a renewable energy policy — **it is the single most powerful tool Congress can provide today to create demand, strengthen the farm economy, and give producers the certainty they desperately need.**

Across the country, farmers are facing one of the most uncertain economic outlooks in recent memory. Input costs remain stubbornly high, commodity prices have fallen, export markets are increasingly uncertain, and the global market is flooded with supply. Yet, demand is lagging. From the Corn Belt to the Plains, farmers are asking a simple question: **Where is the market for what we grow?**

The answer — the most immediate, market-smart solution — is **45Z**. By creating real, domestic demand for low-carbon fuels like ethanol, 45Z gives farmers access to markets they desperately need. It is **market-smart agriculture** — not a subsidy or a bailout, but a pathway for farmers to be rewarded for their role in producing renewable energy while reducing emissions.

Finalizing 45Z guidance is critical. Without clear rules of the road, producers and investors are stuck in limbo — unable to make the investments necessary to reduce carbon intensity and capture new value for farmers. Every week of delay increases uncertainty in rural America, where family farms are already struggling to survive.

Equally important, 45Z **must be extended for a minimum of 10 years**. Multi-billion-dollar investments in low-carbon technologies, infrastructure, and rural production facilities **will not happen on a three-year timeline**. A decade-long extension provides the predictability businesses need and will unlock billions of dollars in new investment, create good-paying jobs, and secure long-term markets for our farmers.

45Z is the bridge to the next generation of biofuels, carbon reduction, and rural economic growth — but only if Congress acts. Extending 45Z and finalizing its guidance will provide certainty, drive innovation, and ensure that America's farmers and rural communities are part of the clean energy future.

The American Carbon Alliance stands ready to work with you to get this done. Our farmers don't need more uncertainty — **they need markets. They need 45Z.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Buis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Buis" clearly legible.

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