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STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S ACTION ON ETHANOL FUEL

The Wisconsin BioFuels Association applauds Governor Evers for his support for the continued year round sale of E15 fuel in our state. E15 or Unleaded 88 is a fuel that is cleaner, has higher octane, and currently sells at a large discount to gasoline.

The Biden Administration has temporarily lifted the current EPA regulations limiting the sale of E15 (fuel with up to 15% ethanol) during the summer months, largely due to the realization of the significant savings that E15 represents for Wisconsin families at a time when they desperately need relief. However, these regulations would pop back up next summer, potentially leading to higher fuel prices, less consumer choice and increased air pollution. Today's letter will assure that in Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest, consumers will continue to have the choice to purchase a blend with higher content of renewable biofuel.

A study has been released by Ecoengineering which shows that by moving to a gasoline ethanol blend with a lower vapor pressure, the state will see up to a 1.7% reduction in those particulates that contribute to air pollution, including smog.

It is clear that using more E15 and less regular gasoline will clean our state's air and also reduce our carbon footprint. And as a bonus, E15 has a higher octane rating than the common E10 fuel, and therefore burns with a higher efficiency in your engine.

Also, ethanol is currently selling for around a dollar less per gallon than base gasoline, so removing the regulatory barrier will save Wisconsin families money at the pump.

And finally, using more ethanol in our state's fuel supply is a huge boon to Wisconsin's rural economy. In Wisconsin, we grow the corn and process it into ethanol right here in our state. The economic impact of our industry on Wisconsin is estimated to be over \$1 billion and supports almost 20,000 jobs.

On behalf of Wisconsin's biofuels industry, we thank Governor Evers for joining in this Midwest action.

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About Wisconsin BioFuels Association

The Wisconsin BioFuels Association was formed in 2015 by seven of Wisconsin's ethanol plants to support Wisconsin's renewable fuels industry, our producer partners, and promote the acceptance and use of ethanol, biodiesel, and co-products in Wisconsin and beyond. Visit www.wibiofuels.org or abetterfuel.org for more information.