

[Mr./Madam] Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support this bill allowing for the year-round sale of E15.

For years, I've worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, farmers, fuel producers, and multiple administrations to push for year-round E15 because this is one of the clearest, bipartisan ways we can help lower costs for families while supporting American agriculture and energy production.

Back home in Kansas, families are making tough choices every single day — whether it's filling up their gas tank, paying rent, buying groceries, or covering the cost of childcare.

And right now, with gas prices averaging more than \$4 a gallon in Kansas, people are feeling that pressure everywhere they go.

Just the other day, I saw a gas station in Kansas where fuel with E15 was 15 cents cheaper than regular unleaded.

That may not sound like much to some people here in Washington, but for families driving to work or taking kids to school, those savings add up fast.

And we already know E15 works.

We've had summer E15 for years, and it has consistently helped lower prices at the pump.

Families shouldn't lose access to a cheaper fuel option just because the calendar changes.

We need year-round E15. And it matters for Kansas agriculture, too.

I want to shoutout the folks at East Kansas Agri-Energy in Garnett — an ethanol producer in my district helping turn Kansas-grown corn into fuel that powers our country.

Right now, the farm economy is the toughest it's been in years.

Producers are dealing with rising costs, shrinking margins, and uncertainty coming from every direction.

And frankly, the President's chaotic economic policies and reckless tariffs are making things even worse.

Kansas lost 700 farms last year. Think about that.

These are folks working hard, doing everything right, and still wondering whether they'll be able to keep going another year.

Expanding year-round E15 creates a stronger and more reliable market for what our farmers grow.

And at a time of global instability and conflict around the world, that matters.

Because E15 is made with homegrown ingredients produced by American farmers — not imported from countries overseas.

That strengthens our energy independence and our national security while helping lower costs here at home.

This should not be controversial.

But instead of getting this done quickly, we've seen unnecessary delays from Republican leadership and their council while families continue paying higher prices.

People back home don't care about political games. They care about whether they can afford to fill up their tank.

This is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that helps drivers, farmers, rural communities, and consumers alike.

I also want to thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle — Representatives Nikki Budzinski, Angie Craig, Dusty Johnson, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, and Adrian Smith — for joining me in this bipartisan effort.

So, let's stop stalling. Let's lower costs now. Let's support our farmers, strengthen American energy, and deliver real relief for the people we represent.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back.