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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Rep. Sharice L. Davids**  
**Kansas Third District**

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The Honorable Lee Zeldin  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

Ahead of the busy summer driving season, I write to urge you to allow the sale of gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) nationwide this summer. As you know, the *Clean Air Act (CAA)* allows you as the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a series of emergency waivers lifting the summertime 9.0 psi Reid vapor pressure (RVP) limit for ethanol-blended gasoline. The EPA has issued these summertime waivers for the past four years, and I respectfully request you do so again in 2026 to lower gas prices and support Kansas farmers.

In 2024, the EPA granted under *CAA* authority year-round access to E15 in several Midwest states, including Kansas' neighboring states of Missouri and Nebraska, beginning last year. However, there is still a need for a consistent, efficient, and nationwide solution for the year-round sale of E15 to benefit consumers, producers, and retailers.

This issue is more urgent now than ever. Given the United States' war with Iran, domestic oil prices are surging. In Kansas, the average price of gas has increased \$0.77 in one month and barrel prices have hovered around \$100 since late February. Additionally, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has skyrocketed fertilizer prices, burdening our producers even further amidst the worst farm economy in decades.

Ensuring the summertime sale of E15 in Kansas will lessen this extreme burden on farmers and lower costs for hardworking families. Farm income dropped nearly 14 percent from 2024 to 2025, and Americans continue to face an increased cost-of-living and a stagnant economy. Year-round E15 will provide relief and much-needed stability for consumers, farmers, ethanol producers, and fuel retailers.

I will continue to work with my congressional colleagues and the President to pass the *Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act* into law. In the meantime, however, I

request you take immediate action to ensure the availability of E15 across the country this summer, just as it was in previous years.

Thank you for your careful attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Eric Dunay in the Office of Rep. Sharice Davids ([eric.dunay@mail.house.gov](mailto:eric.dunay@mail.house.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Davids', with a stylized flourish.

Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress