

November 4, 2022

President Joseph Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of our nearly six million Farm Bureau member families from across the country, I am writing to encourage you and your administration to work with industry and Congress to address high energy costs, especially diesel prices, that are impacting all Americans.

Our nation's food supply is driven by diesel. Every input that arrives on our farms and ranches is transported by a diesel engine whether that is by boat or barge, rail or truck. Our crops are planted by diesel engines and harvested by diesel engines. High diesel prices are severely impacting our farmers and ranchers, causing increased costs to consumers, and adding to food insecurity.

While geopolitical challenges, worldwide demand for distillates, and seasonality play a role in energy supply and prices, so does public policy. That is why the American Farm Bureau supports increased domestic energy production, including more drilling, extraction and refining of our energy resources. By displacing imported petroleum, increased domestic production will enhance U.S. security and bring more supply online, reducing costs to all Americans.

With roughly 25 days' worth of diesel stocks and prices well over \$5 per gallon, Farm Bureau also encourages your administration to explore all options, including removing any regulatory barriers that limit the supply, production and distribution of diesel fuel. Farm Bureau is committed to working with partners in the private and public sectors, your administration and Congress to address the current energy crisis.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall  
President, American Farm Bureau Federation

Cc: Secretary Granholm, Department of Energy  
Secretary Haaland, Department of Interior  
Secretary Vilsack, Department of Agriculture  
Administrator Regan, Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Congress