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The Honorable JB Pritzker
Governor of Illinois
207 State House
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Dear Governor Pritzker:

On behalf of our membership and corn farmers across the state of Illinois, we are asking for your assistance in finding ways to help lower the cost of diesel fuel for Illinois farmers.

We would like to request that your office investigate mechanisms to allow farmers to utilize dyed fuel without the state motor fuel tax for trucks transporting their own crops from the farm to the point of sale (processors, elevators, export terminals, etc).

Farmers across the state of Illinois have begun or will soon start harvesting over the next 60 days, under continued high input prices – specifically diesel. Farmers rely on diesel to transport their crops from the farm to point of sale, adding another significant cost at the end of the growing season.

This time of year should be positive for Illinois farmers, but high diesel prices as a result of the Iranian conflict add another concern as farmers harvest this year's crop. Farmers do not have the ability to pass higher fuel and transportation costs along to the next buyer, while those costs continue to put pressure on farm margins.

We are asking for your assistance in lowering the cost of transportation for Illinois farmers as they move this year's crop from the farm to market.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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President

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