

**IL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 1623 (61702)
14129 Carole Drive
Bloomington, IL 61705
P 309.557.3257

September 25, 2026

U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Rep. Jonathan Jackson
1632 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Robin Kelly
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Delia Ramirez
1523 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Jesús “Chuy” García
2334 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Mike Quigley
2083 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Sean Casten
2440 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Danny K. Davis
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Jan Schakowsky
2408 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Brad Schneider
300 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Bill Foster
2366 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Mike Bost
352 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Nikki Budzinski
1717 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Lauren Underwood
2228 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Mary Miller
1740 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Darin LaHood
503 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Eric Sorensen
1314 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515



IL CORN
WWW.ILCORN.ORG

IL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1623 (61702)
14129 Carole Drive
Bloomington, IL 61705
P 309.557.3257

Dear Illinois Delegation:

On behalf of our membership and corn farmers across the state of Illinois, we are asking for your assistance and request engagement with the Administration to find ways to lower the cost of diesel fuel for Illinois farmers.

We would also like to request that your office investigate legislative mechanisms to amend Internal Revenue Code Section 4082 or direct the IRS to grant administrative waivers during economic hardships to allow farmers to utilize dyed fuel for qualifying agricultural purposes, specifically trucks transporting their own crops 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 add another concern as farmers prepare to 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,

Mark Bunselmeyer

President

IL Corn Growers Association