

## Kansas Corn Thanks Congressman Marshall for Leadership on Biofuels Infrastructure Bill

While the entire fuel industry, including ethanol producers are experiencing a sharp downturn due to the Coronavirus outbreak, Kansas First District Representative Roger Marshall is looking to the future to build additional biofuel infrastructure by cosponsoring the Clean Fuels Deployment Act. The legislation would to incentivize the installation of fueling infrastructure for ethanol blends greater than 10 percent and biodiesel blends greater than 20 percent.

“Kansas corn producers appreciate Congressman Marshall’s continued leadership on ensuring consumers have access to higher ethanol blends,” said KCGA President Brent Rogers, Hoxie. “Data from Kansas proves that when consumers have access to higher blends at their fuel retailers, they will respond with increased purchases of these lower cost, cleaner burning blends. We look forward to working with Dr. Marshall to advance this vital piece of legislation.”

According to the National Corn Growers Association, the bill authorizes \$600 million over six years to help retailers offer higher ethanol blends, expand the geographic area selling ethanol blends, support biodiesel fuel markets, and accelerate the deployment of fueling infrastructure. The legislation will work alongside the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to accelerate the availability and growth of biofuels. A vital market for corn farmers, ethanol producers have idled nearly half of their production capacity due to the fallout from COVID-19. Spurring new demand for higher ethanol blends will be an important part of an economic recovery for the ethanol industry and farmers, and this infrastructure deployment will help support that growth.

The Kansas Corn Commission continues to work with retailers across the state offering assistance for pumps and promotion of higher ethanol blends and this bill would complement those efforts. The Kansas Corn Growers Association advocates for corn ethanol on the state and national legislative and regulatory levels.