Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Neil Chatterjee Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Chatterjee:

We are writing on behalf of our constituents as well as farmers across the Midwest who are facing an untenable situation with limited propane supplies available in some areas to dry corn coming off the field. We wanted to make certain that you and your fellow commissioners were aware of the need to ensure a continued supply of propane to Midwest states.

We hope to avoid a disastrous situation with cold temperatures and snow in the forecast spiking demand for residential deliveries just as farmers are needing to heat poultry and livestock barns and crop farmers are facing one of their most frustrating harvest seasons in years.

Farmers are calling our offices looking for answers about what can be done. Those who are lucky enough to have crops to harvest this year are now struggling with drying a wet corn crop. Wet corn put in storage can start to spoil in as little as 3 days. There are also reports that grain elevators are having to stop the delivery of corn from farmers and storing corn on the ground because they're running short of propane as well.

We know that trucks are driving to Kansas and Texas to bring back additional propane supplies, and we appreciate the efforts taken by several state governors and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to assist companies in this effort.

We look forward to working with you to help ensure the continued supply of propane to the Midwest.

Sincerely,

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