March 26, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20250

Subject: Strong Support for the Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative

Dear Secretary Rollins,

USA BioEnergy writes to express our strong support for the Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative. USA BioEnergy plans to develop twelve advanced fuels facilities that will produce drop-in sustainable aviation fuel, renewable diesel, and renewable naphtha from sustainably sourced forest thinnings that qualify as feedstock under the renewable fuel standards. These facilities feature carbon capture technologies, including sequestering and/or utilizing CO2 to give our fuels and ultra-low carbon intensity score.

The BDO Zone rating criteria has proven to be an invaluable screening mechanism for our company in terms of selecting locations for our new facilities. Our company would strongly consider locating our project in a community with a BDO Zone rating. Potential economic impacts of a new project include:

- Projected rural investments totaling $2.8 billion
- Anticipated creation of 200 permanent jobs

A BDO Zone rating has assisted our development efforts previously and will provide due diligence needed to move our projects forward.

USA BioEnergy fully supports the BDO Zone Initiative and urges the USDA to continue expanding and supporting this important program that can be replicated across rural America.

Sincerely,

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