March 29, 2025

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

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

Dear Secretary Rollins,

As the Chief Executive Officer at Midori Energy, a leading developer of renewable maritime fuels, I am writing to underscore the critical importance of the Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative in advancing biofuels projects in rural America.

Midori Energy is reviewing sites across the United States for our production facilities. Our portfolio roadmap represents an investment of almost $10bn in rural communities, creating a total of 1500 direct jobs with an average wage of $85,000 (90% of which are over $50,000).

The BDO Zone rating criteria is an indispensable due diligence mechanism that directly influences our site selection process. BDO Zone ratings identify areas with a viable amount of consistent, reliable biomass feedstock and other infrastructure attributes important for our success.

Midori Energy strongly endorses the BDO Zone Initiative and would prioritize locating future projects in areas with established BDO Zone ratings.

Sincerely,

Serrina Pantera
Chief Executive Officer
Midori Energy