Regen Biofuels

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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 COO of Regen Biofuels, a leading developer of Crop Residue to Renewable Natural Gas projects, I am writing to underscore the critical importance of the Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative in advancing biofuels projects in rural America.

Regen Biofuels is planning to develop 25 RNG projects in the U.S. which will utilize corn stover, rice & wheat straw, nut shells and other agricultural residues as feedstock. Potential economic impacts of these projects include:

- Induced Rural Economic Activity - $3.85 Billion
- Direct Rural Jobs – 35,000
- Indirect Rural Jobs – 25,000
- Total Rural Jobs – 60,000

The BDO Zone rating criteria is an indispensable due diligence mechanism that directly influences our site selection process. BDO Zone ratings highlight important biomass feedstock and infrastructure attributes that we consider for project siting.

Importantly, BDO Zone ratings provide fundamental assurances to our financing sources that the supply of feedstock is adequate to supply each of our projects in situations where the supply is highly fragmented between many producers, such as the case with agricultural residues.

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

Sincerely,
Matt Boeger, COO, Regen Biofuels