

Dear Iowa Utilities Board Members,

I am writing today to highlight the importance of the ethanol industry in Iowa and the impact it has on the agriculture industry. Iowa farmers have benefited greatly since the ethanol boom in the early 2000s. Ethanol plants across Iowa have provided their local farming communities with a strong and competitive market for their corn crop.

Now the ethanol industry is at a crossroads. The global fuel market is demanding low-carbon fuel and to remain competitive, the ethanol industry must meet these demands. Summit Carbon Solutions has proposed a project that would enable their partner ethanol plants to enter this low-carbon fuel market. Plants that qualify as producing low-carbon fuel will be able to sell their fuel for a premium and remain successful well into the future.

Should Iowa decide against carbon capture projects, the ethanol and agriculture industries will suffer. Ethanol plants will be unable to meet growing market demands and begin to slow production. The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association released a study that shows without carbon capture projects, ethanol production will migrate out of state and lead to a 75% contraction in local production within the decade. This would be devastating for farmers who rely on Iowa ethanol plants to buy their corn.

As you weigh your decision on Summit Carbon Solutions' carbon capture project, I urge you to keep the future of ethanol and agriculture in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Will Rogers