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## Subject of Policy Amendment 11:

Increasing Support for Domestic and Global Demand for Biofuels

## Section Number or Title to be Amended:

13.6 Bioeconomy and Energy

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## Text of Policy Amendment:

13.6 Bioeconomy, Biofuels and Energy

Biofuels is a collective term for liquid fuels derived from renewable sources including ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel, sustainable aviation fuels, and other emerging biofuels. Historically, agriculture has provided food and fiber to America. Now, with the development of biofuels and greater commercial interest in wind and solar energy; America's farms and ranches are increasingly seen as a promising source of clean, renewable, home-grown energy to meet both domestic and global demand. Producers are also downstream energy users on stable energy prices to maintain profit margins. These linkages show the relationship between agriculture and energy.

1. NASDA supports energy strategies that focus on enhancing biofuel research, development, use, and export of energy production methods, including traditional fuels to ensure an accessible, affordable energy supply.
2. NASDA supports efforts to increase production and consumption of biofuels.
3. NASDA supports the promotion, increased market access, and development of trade opportunities for biofuels and encourages continued conversations with potential trade partners, overcoming barriers for the increased use of biofuels in their markets.
4. NASDA encourages science-based, reasonable, and responsible Clean Air Act emissions standards allowing for the continued development, production, and use of biofuels.

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5. NASDA supports the Renewable Fuels Standard and the year-round sale and use of products containing biofuels, such as E15 fuel.

6. NASDA supports the establishment of on-farm incentives to produce and utilize biofuels, solar energy, wind energy, methane, and any other emerging energy products. Further, NASDA supports bio-based product development to create opportunities for farmers and ranchers while creating sustainable, environmentally friendly products.

7. NASDA supports continued focus on energy in the Farm Bill. NASDA supports programs to further renewable energy opportunities such as: the Rural Energy for America Program, the use of CRP acres for energy and biobased crops and the Biomass Research and Development Program.

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