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A bipartisan group of 38 senators are calling on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to reverse the proposed cuts to biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol volumes in the Renewable Fuel Standard.

A [letter](#) led by Sens. [Chuck Grassley](#) (R-Iowa) and [Amy Klobuchar](#) (D-Minn.) praises Pruitt for setting conventional biofuel volumes at the maximum allowed by law, but says the agency's proposed rule setting biofuels volumes for 2018 and 2019 "unjustifiably flatlines biomass-based diesel, reduces advanced biofuels, and reduces the cellulosic biofuel blending target by about 25 percent."

The senators attack EPA's methodology for using historical measures and not forward projections. They also criticize EPA for proposing to reduce biodiesel volumes in a notice released last week, and for considering allowing credits for exported biofuel.

"If done right, this rule is an opportunity to continue our nation's path to be not only the world leader in first generation ethanol production, but also in cellulosic ethanol and advanced biofuel production by spurring investment and manufacturing here in the United States rather than overseas," the letter says.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Grassley and Sens. [Joni Ernst](#) (R-Iowa) and [Deb Fischer](#) (R-Neb.) are scheduled to meet with Pruitt next week.

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