



FUEllowa is the voice and resource for Iowa's fuel industry. Our goal is to be the "Honest Broker" of solutions for the fuel industry. Our 2020 legislative agenda seeks to advocate with a unified message to maximize our impact and visibility in the state of Iowa.

### THREE PRIORITIES

- 1 Allocate Long-Term Funding to E15 Fueling Infrastructure
- 2 Focus UST Fund Balances on Active Businesses
- 3 Allow Convenience Stores to Opt out of Bottle and Can Redemption

### E15 INFRASTRUCTURE

Some 75% of the retail fueling sites in Iowa **do not** have dispensing equipment compatible with E15. Existing sites offering E15 have been largely funded by government and private grant funds. A steady and increased level of infrastructure assistance is needed so consumers statewide can access competitively priced innovative fuel options via retail dispensers and equipment that are Underwriters Laboratory (UL) certified for the fuel product, ensuring the environment is protected. There are a number of options for funding these needs on an annual basis.

### UST CLEANUP FUND

As the Iowa Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund continues to operate without new funding, remaining monies should be prioritized to focus on active fuel marketing businesses with UST fund-eligible expenses. Narrowing this focus ensures the rural fuel distribution network is preserved as intended and the environment remains protected.

### OPT OUT OF REDEMPTION

FUEllowa urges lawmakers to allow convenience-type businesses to voluntarily **opt-out** of the bottle and can redemption requirements until the law is repealed or substantially overhauled. With unprofitable redemption outlets closing, stores bear the container handling costs while distributors benefit from escheats.



### LEGISLATIVE ASK

- 1 FUEllowa is working with committee chairs on legislation drafted to provide for long term E15 infrastructure funding.
- 2 Take no action on IUST Fund legislation until assurance is provided to active fuel marketing businesses that environmental protection needs are satisfied.
- 3 Evaluate how bottle and can redemption money is or isn't being redeemed. Allow convenience-type businesses to opt out of redemption requirements.