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| **Soybean Farmers Deeply Concerned with Senate Proposal to Reward U.S. Tax Credits to Foreign Biofuel Feedstocks**  **Washington, D.C. June 17, 2025.** The American Soybean Association expressed disappointment in the Senate Finance Committee’s budget reconciliation text that made significant modifications to the House-passed Section 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit language. The Senate Finance Committee text reverts on the progress made in the House to support U.S. farmer-driven domestic biofuels by removing a key provision to ringfence North American feedstocks and prevent foreign feedstocks from benefitting from U.S. taxpayer dollars.   “The Senate 45Z proposal turns its back on the Trump Administration’s farmer-first American energy dominance agenda, which was highlighted through EPA’s strong renewable volume obligations proposal that U.S. agriculture applauded,” said **Caleb Ragland**, American Soybean Association President and farmer from Magnolia, Kentucky. “RVOs and the 45Z tax credit should be seeking to achieve the same goals for U.S. farmers and domestic biofuel production, and instead the Senate budget reconciliation language seeks to provide U.S. taxpayer dollars to foreign feedstock competitors at the expense of soybean farmers.”  ASA applauded the inclusion of key 45Z revisions in the House-passed budget reconciliation that will support U.S. farmers and expand market opportunities domestically. For years, soybean farmers have watched used cooking oil and tallow imports take U.S. biofuel market share from soy because of policy incentives that did not promote a fully domestic value chain for biofuels. Both the House of Representatives and the EPA have sought to change course and promote farm-first energy policies, and ASA urges the Senate to follow suit as it continues to negotiate a budget reconciliation package.  |

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|   ###  The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean-producing states and nearly 500,000 soybean farmers.    |

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