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Ms. Robin Robinson
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Room 5803
South Agriculture Building (STOP 3201)
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-3201

RE: Public Comment for "Notice of a Public Meeting on Implementation of Title IX,
Energy Authorities of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008"

Dear Ms. Robinson:

I wanted to again thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony at the recent public meeting concerning the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. I have attached my formal remarks made on behalf of Environmental Solutions, Inc. with this letter. In addition, I have provided additional information to supplement my public testimony. Please include this cover letter and additional information within the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brenda P. Robinson", written in black ink.

Brenda P. Robinson
President and CEO

Supplemental Public Comment from Brenda P. Robinson
President and CEO of Environmental Solutions, Inc.

Recently the Chesapeake Bay Commission published a report; “Next Generation Biofuels; Taking the Policy Lead for the Nation.” This important report provided a roadmap to lead the nation in developing cellulosic biofuels within the Chesapeake Bay region. As mentioned previously in my testimony on September 4, Environmental Solutions, Inc. has already made inroads to developing a cellulosic product. However, as a small business we are limited because of the financial challenges that exist in developing first-stage production facilities.

We believe that significant additional investment will be needed to commercialize and expand new technologies that will be necessary to achieve the goals established by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The most significant challenge for a small, minority owned business like Environmental Solutions—that has the capability, experience and research necessary to participate in the generation of new cellulosic fuels—is the acquisition of capital in the form of grants, loans and investment to develop a first-step research and production facility. Therefore, please consider the following comments specific to the 2008 Farm Bill:

Section 9007: Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). This program assists rural small businesses with grants for the development of energy technologies, such as biofuels, and to increase energy efficiency. It also assists with the development of new and emerging technologies for next-generation biofuels by providing demonstration-scale plants with grants up to 30 percent of costs and commercial-scale plants with up to \$250 million in loan guarantees. The total funding for this program is \$225 million. We believe that with our access to existing infrastructure at our company’s Sustainability Park in rural Virginia, and our partnership with Virginia Tech, a nationally recognized leader in the research of cellulosic technology, and its location within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, we are ideally suited to receive funding that meets the specific needs of this section.

Section 9003: Biorefinery Assistance. This program assists with the development of new and emerging technologies for next-generation biofuels by providing demonstration-scale plants with grants up to 30 percent of costs and commercial-scale plants with up to \$250 million in loan guarantees. Total funding for Section 9003 is \$320 million. For the same reasons mentioned above, we believe ESI, specifically because of its existing proprietary and extensive capabilities regarding cellulosic material, and its existing relationships with many top research institutions, provides a unique environment to accomplish the goals established by USDA and DOE.

Environmental Solutions, Inc. is uniquely positioned to accomplish the objectives established by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill and endorsed by the Department of Energy. Without directly repeating my earlier testimony, the USDA should provide a portion of the funding to small, minority owned businesses that are ready and capable to generate alternative biofuels immediately.