

I'm a mom, a millennial, and a 4<sup>th</sup> generation farmer. We'll save the most obvious reason in being here, as a corn farmer, for last.

My husband and I have 3 young children and some may even say I fall into the category of being a crunchy mom. Ethanol is more than a way to utilize the 14 billion bushels of corn produced annually but it's a way to ensure my children's health and well being is ensured with clear air. You only have to travel 35 miles west of here to find the 12<sup>th</sup> most polluted city in the US for year-round particle pollution. Ethanol cleans up the air we breathe and helps eliminate one common cause of lung cancer.

Like many other millennials I have taken an interest in the environment and climate change. However, unlike many of my peers, I am directly connected to production agriculture. I have the opportunity to implement practices that directly combat carbon emissions. These practices combined with growing a renewable crop that also has the ability to produce a high octane, clean fuel source just makes sense to me.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm is conveniently located 25 miles from an abundance of river terminals on the Mississippi River and 30 miles from 2 ethanol plants. We grow both conventional and non-GMO corn. Even producing a top quality specialty crop and receiving a premium for it, we can find a more competitive market in Ethanol. These ethanol plants are both located in my county and aside from providing \$ \_\_(Have reached out for this number)\_\_\_ in economic impacts, they provide support for hundreds of families and the communities they live in. In a time when farmers are struggling to make ends meet and are faced with crushing obstacles they have no control over like once in a lifetime weather events, and a trade war going on 2 years, we need support at home. Support from the EPA and our administration to do the right thing and provide a solid base for market certainty in ethanol.