



October 5, 2026

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor DeWine:

The undersigned organizations write to respectfully urge you to follow the actions taken by other states and temporarily suspend Ohio's state restrictions and penalties on the use of red-dyed diesel for on-road use when those vehicles are engaged in legitimate agricultural activities.

Farmers face intense fuel demands during harvest and other time-sensitive operations. This burden has grown as the Midwest average retail price for on-highway diesel rose from roughly \$4.46 per gallon in early July to about \$6.53 per gallon by late September—an increase of more than \$2 per gallon in less than three months.

We recognize the important step taken last week to provide a diesel fuel tax holiday. Following that action with a suspension of red dyed diesel restrictions can provide even greater flexibility for Ohio farmers. Many farmers maintain on-farm supplies of dyed diesel that may have been purchased before the most intense prices spikes. Temporarily allowing agricultural producers to use the dyed diesel they already keep on hand would provide immediate relief, help crops and livestock move efficiently and reduce a cost that ultimately affects consumers.

Numerous states across the country have recently taken steps to suspend or limit state enforcement of dyed-diesel restrictions for qualifying agricultural use. Ohio's producers compete in the same regional and national markets and deserve comparable temporary relief. Your action can be carefully limited to a defined emergency period and to vehicles engaged in farm-related transportation. Because federal restrictions and penalties may still apply, I also ask your administration to request coordinated federal relief from the Internal Revenue Service and clearly communicate the scope and effective dates of any authorization.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of Ohio's farmers, agribusinesses, and rural communities.

Respectfully,

Ohio Cattlemen's Association
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association
Ohio Dairy Producers Association
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Ohio Pork Council
Ohio Poultry Association
Ohio Sheep Improvement Association
Ohio Soybean Association