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Today our organization learned of LyondellBasell's decision to exit the synthetic ethanol market and close their operations at the Tuscola Plant in Douglas County. We are saddened and disappointed to learn this news. Our first concern is with the employees and their families over the uncertainty they are experiencing. We will now direct our focus to supporting the impacted employees by bringing resources and services to help them as they search for new career opportunities.

We recognize the positive impact the facility has had on our local economy for over half a century. We know the value which has been added to our region and the role this facility has played in building our community. Thousands of lives have benefited from the operations here.

We have had a long, positive relationship with this facility and its employees. We want to recognize the people who built, maintained, and safely operated the complex over these many years.

We will work with company officials in the days ahead to identify strategies for assisting their employees. We are engaging with local, regional, and state partners as we develop strategies to move our community forward, and we look forward to sharing the stories of these talented employees with other businesses and companies in our region.

We will continue our work to engage our community and promote dialogue as we host conversations to seek opportunities for our citizens and our county.

— Brian Moody, Executive Director
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