



**August 8, 2019**—The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement regarding public reports regarding the issuance of Small Refinery Exemptions by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

Members of the Fueling American Jobs Coalition are pleased at reports indicating that EPA is following the law and the will of Congress to relieve RFS compliance burdens faced by small refineries across the country. SREs provide a critical safety valve for the country's most vulnerable refineries, and are essential to implementing the RFS in a balanced manner that supports U.S. biofuel production while protecting American refining jobs and consumer fuel supplies.

President Trump and his Administration have devoted both time and effort to finding commonsense RFS policy solutions that protect all stakeholders. The systematic consideration and appropriate granting of SREs, undertaken in accordance with the Clean Air Act and as affirmed by multiple court decisions, is absolutely necessary to ensure that the RFS avoids punitively damaging our country's critical refining sector and raising consumer fuel costs.

Often lost in the relentless political back-and-forth around RFS policy—and the lawful issuance of SREs in particular—is the fact that each and every refinery in this nation requires a tremendous investment of financial and human resources, providing secure fuels and jobs that help sustain entire communities. SREs provide flexibility without any diminishment in the demand for ethanol, as demonstrated by impartial data. We thank the Administration for its strong support of refiners across the United States.

*The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers, mom & pop gas station owners, small retailers, and independent American oil refiners fighting for a commonsense fix to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) flawed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The need for significant reform has only grown over the past few years as the cost of purchasing Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) to comply with the RFS has grown increasingly volatile, threatening some refiners' survival. For additional information, visit [www.fuelinjobs.com](http://www.fuelinjobs.com).*