



May 10, 2018

The Honorable President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

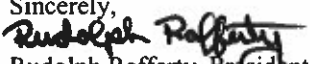
On behalf of the nearly 500 hardworking men and women of the Paulsboro Refinery, of which most are represented by the Independent Oil Workers (IOW), I would like to applaud you for agreeing to advance a rule that will allow all RINs associated with all biofuel exports to be available for compliance.

Over the past three years, Paulsboro Refining Company has spent more than \$146 million to comply with the RFS; this year alone our obligation is estimated to be \$77 million. It is imperative that this undue burden on the refining industry be lifted so that the mandate created by RFS is something that can be budgeted for and that our refinery can make investments in the facility, continue to provide jobs for our members, and put money back into the economy.

RIN prices have been falling for several months due to the prospect that you may take action to control their cost. As this has occurred, there has been no backsliding in biofuel blending. This demonstrates that RIN costs can be controlled in a manner that does not hamper domestic biofuel use. However, in the past, we have seen RINs fall on rumors of potential action, only to see them skyrocket when action is not taken. This is why your decision is so important. Taking definitive action to permanently allowing RINs associated with exported biofuel to be used for compliance will help keep RIN prices in check, without hampering domestic biofuel use and greatly incentivizing biofuel exports.

The details of this policy change will be critically important, but if done correctly, it will better advance the RFS program objectives and its original intent, while helping protect refining jobs. The result of such policy change would greatly increase RINs available for compliance, partially alleviating the adverse impact of excessive RIN costs on the refining sector while simultaneously incentivizing biofuel productions pursuant to the RFS.

Again, I applaud you for taking steps to create a fair fix to the RFS so that east coast refiners can continue to provide the much needed transportation fuels that so many people rely on. Our 500+ members thank you for making the first substantial change ever in the RFS that will benefit our facility.

Sincerely,

Rudolph Rafferty, President
Independent Oil Workers

Cc: Senator Cruz
Senator Toomey
Senator Booker
Senator Menendez
Governor Murphy
Senator Sweeney
Assemblyman Burzichelli
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