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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear Mr. President:

Utah is consistently recognized for its top-rated economy and high quality of life. Utah's forward-looking, market based energy policy, which your administration has championed, is at the heart of Utah's successful formula. Utah appreciates your commitment to supporting sufficient state flexibility under the EPA's Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) program to remain economically viable while also achieving environmental goals through innovative and effective solutions tailored to local needs. This regulatory approach has allowed Utah to make meaningful improvements in air quality while also supporting unprecedented economic growth. In particular, this market-based approach has allowed Utah's small refineries to thrive while also making substantial investments in voluntarily upgrading their facilities to produce cleaner, Tier 3, fuels.

Utah's refineries are at the center of Utah's thriving energy economy, providing hundreds of high-paying jobs and over a billion dollars annually to Utah's economy. These refineries also provide a critical market for Utah's rural oil and gas producers.

In support of Utah's critical small refineries, Utah appreciates EPA's longstanding small refinery RFS exemption to support the unique economic and operational characteristics of Utah's small refineries. Utah is aware that EPA's longstanding RFS small-refinery hardship relief exemption may be threatened by a recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. To ensure that Utah's small refineries have the needed flexibility to drive economic opportunities and provide significant investment in cleaner air, I ask you to challenge the unnecessarily inflexible decision of the Tenth Circuit.

Sincerely,

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