



STATEMENT BY THE FUELING AMERICAN JOBS COALITION

November 15, 2018 – Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement regarding Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's waiver request to EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler:

For years, refiners across the U.S. have been forced to comply with this government mandate by purchasing compliance credits on an unregulated secondary market subject to volatile prices, middlemen mark-ups and documented fraud. The profitability – in fact, the very viability – of refiners swings each year according to the trading value of these credits, a factor entirely outside of their control.

As Gov. Wolf notes in his letter, "Shutting down a large refinery would have a devastating effect on the workforce and the local economy. The analysis [by Dr. Craig Pirrong of the University of Houston] finds that the loss of such a facility could lead to the loss of over 8,800 jobs in Pennsylvania and over \$539 million in labor income."

Pennsylvania refinery workers who expected decisive action from the Trump administration to deal with this scenario are still waiting. The Coalition salutes Gov. Wolf for standing up for companies in the refining sector and the hard-working employees whose livelihoods continue to be subject to tremendous uncertainty by the flawed implementation of the RFS.

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 common sense fix to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) flawed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The need for significant reform has only grown over the last year as the cost of purchasing Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) to comply with the RFS has skyrocketed, threatening some refiners' survival. For additional information, visit www.fuelinjobs.com.