

**Testimony of Robert Cammarn  
HollyFrontier Corporation  
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2018 Renewable Fuel Standards  
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Good afternoon,

I'm Robert Cammarn, an operator at HollyFrontier's refinery in El Dorado, Kansas. I'm here today to represent HollyFrontier, my fellow refinery workers and our families.

HollyFrontier fuels America's heartland. We make gasoline and diesel at refineries in Oklahoma, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, and El Dorado, Kansas, where I've worked for the last 18 years. Refinery jobs like mine are some of the best our nation has to offer: high paying technical careers - more than \$100,000 per year on average – that provide for our families and help secure our energy independence.

I am glad to have the opportunity to comment today on EPA's proposed 2018 RVO – it's important not just for HollyFrontier but for all of us who have dedicated our careers to helping fuel America.

We can all appreciate the RFS' goals – to increase our nation's energy security and independence, support jobs in the energy sector, and promote economic growth in rural America.

Before EPA's RVO went over the E10 blendwall, buying RINs was a minimal cost for the refinery. Since EPA proposed volumes over the blendwall, RINs have

become very expensive – a \$250 million hit last year alone for HollyFrontier. That’s more than HollyFrontier spent on its entire payroll for my 2,700 co-workers across this country. This year, that compliance cost is likely to be even higher. That means less money to spend on our workers, upgrading facilities and investing in our communities.

As you’ve heard from HollyFrontier and others, we think that the only way our nation can accommodate an annual mandate of more than 10% ethanol is by placing blenders and refiners on a level playing field. Otherwise companies like mine are being punished and are paying steep compliance costs with no way of changing behavior.

We have also relied more and more on imports of foreign biodiesel. As we hit the ethanol blendwall, merchant refiners like HollyFrontier have turned to biodiesel credits to make up the difference. But domestic biodiesel hasn’t kept up with EPA’s requirements for biodiesel, advanced biofuels, and total renewable fuels. Nationally, we increasingly rely on foreign biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia to meet the RVO. That doesn’t sound like American energy independence and security to me.

EPA’s RVO mandates and RIN costs are keeping dollars from growing our business, hiring new employees and training the next generation of operators. I feel this impact firsthand. The El Dorado refinery is one of the most competitive in the region, and I wouldn’t trade working there for any other facility. Yet all of us working there know of upgrades are just waiting to be made. Upgrades mean jobs and infrastructure – cornerstone priorities of this administration.

In closing, when you hear the next testimony, and wade through the many comments to be filed, please stop and think: how does this impact the refinery workers, our families and the communities that depend on our jobs?

I'm proud to work at our refinery. I'm proud to be a member of the United Steel Workers. And, I'm proud to be part of a larger effort to grow manufacturing and invest in America.

Please fix the RFS.

Thank you.