

Fueling American Jobs Coalition Launches New Ad Campaign Urging Trump to Stand with American Workers on RFS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Fueling American Jobs Coalition announced today the launch of “Betray,” a new ad campaign urging President Trump to stop caving to the ethanol lobby. If the president doesn’t change course, he runs the risk of turning his back on the American manufacturing workers who helped make his presidency a reality. Fueling American Jobs Coalition’s members include a wide range of U.S. companies including independent refiners, unions and small businesses.

“Betray” refers to President Trump’s failure to consider any reforms to the outdated Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which protects windfall profits for large integrated oil companies and massive fuel retailers, while placing an unfair burden on independent fuel refiners and gas stations. The president’s refusal to fix the RFS could put 75,000 to 150,000 U.S. jobs at risk.



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Last week, the *Wall Street Journal* editorialized against President Trump’s refusal to stand up to the ethanol lobby:

“The Trump Administration betrayed these manufacturing workers after threats from a handful of Republican Senators who were willing to vote with Democrats to protect ethanol... Mr. Trump rode to office promising to drain the swamp and win negotiations on behalf of the American people. But for all of that reform rhetoric, his EPA is now capitulating to one of Washington’s worst examples of welfare for big business.” ([Wall Street Journal](#), 10/22/17)

Nine United States Senators recently sent [a letter](#) to the President, echoing concerns that American workers would be left behind by the Administration's refusal to take action on the RFS. In the letter, the Senators requested a meeting with the President, "regarding RFS and pro-jobs policies with us, our Senate colleagues who previously lobbied on behalf of the ethanol industry, and relevant members of your administration, to discuss a pathway forward toward a mutually agreeable solution that will also save refining jobs and help unleash an American energy renaissance."

"Betray" will begin airing on Fox and Friends and across digital platforms throughout the week.

ABOUT FUELING AMERICAN JOBS COALITION

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 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.

Fixing the RFS will:

- Protect thousands of good-paying American jobs
- Level the playing field so that smaller retailers (many of which are minority owned) and independent refiners can compete against large, multi-national companies
- Protect consumers from price hikes at the gas pump

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition believes the RFS unfairly picks winners and losers in the gasoline retail industry and oil refining industries.