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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

We are proud to be refinery managers, responsible for safely manufacturing the gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, heating oil, and other products that keep the U.S. economy moving and that serve as the foundational elements of modern life. Our refineries are the lifeblood of the communities that we call home and support millions of good jobs nationwide – from chemical engineers, to specialty trades, to truck drivers and restaurateurs. With the right policies, we can create and sustain many more jobs without the need for subsidies and government mandates.

We are deeply concerned, however, about recent reports that you intend to backtrack on your commitment to our industry, and most importantly, our workers by increasing federal government mandates for biofuels.

We know the fuels markets we serve, and the fact is that ethanol is a valuable commodity and would continue to be used without mandates. The domestic biofuel industry is already unable to economically meet currently mandated volumes of biofuel. Therefore, increases in biofuel mandates are likely to come from imported fuel and could increase the price at the pump. Last year alone the U.S. imported hundreds of millions of gallons of biofuel to satisfy these mandates.

The bottom line is that proposals under discussion will do little to help American farmers. However, U.S. refineries are doubly impacted. First, regulatory costs would increase and second, the fuels our own refineries produce would be further displaced by biofuels produced in other countries. This cannot be what you mean when you talk about U.S. energy dominance.

We support your desire to continue America's energy dominance and the manufacturing renaissance it has spurred. The U.S. refining industry should be a bright spot and a source of national pride, as it is for our workers. We are dedicated to the safe and efficient operation of our refineries, and we work relentlessly to remain the most sophisticated refining system in the world.

Mr. President, our employees and the communities we live in are counting on you. Please do not let us down.

Sincerely,

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