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Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon 2501 Seaport Drive, BH230 Chester, PA 19013

Dear Congresswoman Scanlon:

On behalf of the management and employees at AIM Mechanical (AIM), I'm writing to you today to ask for your help in advocating for reform to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Without swift and meaningful action by the Biden Administration, our region's last remaining oil refineries may close their doors forever, eliminating hundreds of direct jobs and causing irreversible reverberations in our region that will impact thousands of indirect jobs, like those provided by our company. For over sixteen years, AIM has provided industrial maintenance services to the petrochemical and power generating industries in our region. We are a local leader in onsite maintenance, repair, overhaul, and installation of critical, high-speed rotating & reciprocating equipment. Our experienced crews of certified union millwrights are factory-trained in the full range of laser alignment capabilities and are fully certified in the latest rigging disciplines.

Refineries, such as Monroe Energy, operating in the Northeast have one of the highest job multipliers of any industry in the country. They rely on the material support, personnel and expertise that companies like ours provide to them. Their dependence on AIM, and many similar businesses supports thousands of good paying, family sustaining jobs throughout the tristate region; this interdependence is critical and has been a major boon for our regional economy for decades.

The RFS in its current form threatens the continued viability of independent refiners, particularly in the Northeast, and it is therefore a serious direct threat to the economic well-being of our company and our 25-30 full time union employees. For years now, local independent refiners like Monroe Energy and PBF have been forced to buy RIN credits at exorbitant prices, and these credits have swung wildly. Also, it is worth noting that these expenditures have done very little to create actual benefits for the environment as noted by The National Wildlife Federation and others, nor have they helped to expand renewable fuel production, or to benefit the hard-working American farmers that it was intended to provide.

This is a critical issue for our region, and without a change to the program's current structure, the goals of the program will not be met, plus our national and energy security along with tens of thousands of good paying jobs will be at risk. On behalf of our company, we respectfully request that you contact the EPA and the Biden Administration at once and request they take swift and meaningful action to address the out-of-control costs associated with the RFS before it is too late. The economic livelihoods of many businesses in PA and of thousands of people employed by businesses like ours are depending on it.

Thank you for your time and prompt consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

JJS

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