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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers represents American workers in industrial construction, repair and maintenance, including in many of our nation's refineries. Our members are highly skilled and often work in harsh, hot settings — in tight spaces and great heights — doing some of American's most difficult and dangerous jobs.

I am writing to emphasize that the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers are in complete agreement with the attached letter from the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) and the American Petroleum Institute (API). The facts are clear that there has been NO reduction in biofuel consumption associated with the Small Refiner Exemptions (SREs).

Given this reality, increasing the volumes of biofuel required above the excessive amount of gallons already mandated through the current Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) will only result in skyrocketing compliance costs, putting American jobs at risk — jobs hard working Americans, like the Boilermakers, depend on to put food on the table and take care of their families.

Any change in the current SRE policy, or any policy that would increase the requirement for other refiners that do not receive the exemptions, will also put American jobs at risk. As stated in last week's letter from North America's Building Trades Union President Sean McGarvey, we urge you to continue protecting refiner jobs by "...lowering the RFS requirements in the final 2020 RFS RVO rule. Such action is necessary to continue to fulfill your campaign promise to protect every manufacturing job."

Sincerely,

Newton B. Jones
International President

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