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Mr. Michael S. Regan, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Administrator 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

For more than a century, the New Jersey Motor Truck Association (NJMTA) has promoted the New Jersey trucking industry. Today, we represent more than 450 fleets and 200 allied members that employ well over 40,000 people. Our mission is to foster and promote the sound economical and efficient service by motor carrier transportation. We're writing today to thank you for your leadership and ask that you help control fuel costs by reforming the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for domestic oil refineries.

Without reforms, runaway compliance costs associated with the RFS would damage the ability of refineries to provide affordable fuel that helps to keep our 40,000 employees working. We all understand the noble intentions of the RFS, but the cost of the mandate now dwarfs all other costs for the last remaining regional refineries critical to fueling New Jersey. If these refineries continue to be subjected to runaway compliance credit costs as they have been for years, we're afraid that they will no longer be able to remain viable, which will put our fleets in dire jeopardy.

As we saw with the disruption that the Colonial Pipeline hack caused to our transportation system, the need to protect our domestic fuel supply and energy independence has never been greater. RFS reform will ensure this happens and, in doing so, will protect many of the services and products so many of us take for granted in our everyday lives. All of this would be lost if we don't reform the RFS and our domestic refineries close their doors forever.

Our members proudly employ 40,000 New Jersey residents who are the keystones of our industry. Beyond NJMTA, our American independent refineries provide positive impacts for countless businesses and working families in New Jersey and beyond. Please implement common-sense RFS reforms now before it's too late. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail Toth
Executive Director