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Sent via First Class Mail:

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

Dear Congresswoman Scanlon:

On behalf of everyone at F.W. Webb Company (Webb), 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.

With over 2,000 employees and roots going back to 1866, Webb is a family-owned business proudly offering a full array of outstanding plumbing, heating, HVAC, PVF products, services, and expertise to residential and commercial contractors and industry professionals. Thanks to our customers like Monroe Energy, Webb has grown over the years to become the largest wholesale distributor of its kind in the Northeast.

Refineries, particularly those 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 Webb, and many other businesses in turn supports thousands of good paying, family sustaining jobs throughout the tristate region. This interdependence is critical, and it has been a major boon for our regional economy for decades.

But the RFS in its current form threatens the continued viability of independent refiners, particularly in the Northeast, and it is therefore a direct threat to the economic well-being of our company as well. 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. Additionally, 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, or to help expand renewable fuel production, or to benefit the hard-working American farmers that it was intended to provide.

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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 and our national and energy security along with tens of thousands of good paying jobs will be at risk. On behalf of my store and our company, we respectfully request that you contact the EPA and the Biden Administration and ask them to 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 the Northeast and of thousands of people employed by businesses like ours along with so many ancillary supporting businesses are depending on it. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely

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