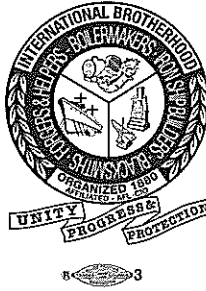


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RE: Please oppose H.R. 1346, *The Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act.*

Dear Representative:

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, AFL-CIO, urges you to oppose **H.R. 1346, *The Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act.*** Our members perform the difficult and often dangerous construction, maintenance, turnaround, and repair work that keeps our nation's refineries operating safely and efficiently. The good-paying jobs they depend on to put food on the table and take care of their families are directly tied to the long-term viability of these facilities.

H.R. 1346 would allow year-round sales of E15 (a gasoline-ethanol blend containing 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline) while further restricting Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs) under the Renewable Fuel Standard. Because the merchant and independent refineries where many of our members work do not operate blending infrastructure or retail outlets, these facilities are forced to purchase expensive Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) from larger, integrated competitors simply to comply with the mandate. These skyrocketing compliance costs have already contributed to refinery closures and threaten the remaining facilities. They are also currently adding over 30 cents per gallon to the price at the pump. Without meaningful RFS reforms, year-round E15 sales will only serve to further drive ethanol mandates and RIN prices higher, resulting in even higher gas prices and accelerating the potential for Boilermaker job losses, undermining our domestic fuel supply and energy security in the process. Furthermore, in nearly eliminating SREs, the bill permanently takes away one of the only safety valves that has ever been used to provide RFS relief to both refiners and consumers.

We strongly urge you to vote **NO on H.R. 1346** and instead support real RFS reforms that protect American refinery jobs and keep fuel affordable for working families.

Sincerely,

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