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United States President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

As mayor of Cheyenne, Wyoming, I write today to express my concern that the Environmental Protection Agency is being pressured to eliminate the relief program that exists to help small refineries avoid severe economic hardship from the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). It is being discussed that the EPA is going to give up their right to appeal a court ruling that undermines the RFS relief program and thereby apply this court's ruling to the entire country. I respectfully ask for your intervention by not allowing them to do so.

Cheyenne is the home of HollyFrontier refinery — one of the small refineries that would be devastated by this decision. The HollyFrontier refinery is responsible for 270 well-paying jobs and millions in local tax dollars and community charitable contributions every year. We need them in our community.

Small refineries seek relief waivers from the RFS when the costs are too much and threaten jobs, economic growth, and the facility's ability to compete. For HollyFrontier in Cheyenne, the RFS relief program has been essential. It has protected jobs in our community and made it possible for this refinery to feel confident about continuing to grow and invest here.

I strongly encourage you to please tell the EPA not to back down and abandon small refineries and communities like Cheyenne, Wyoming that depend on them.

Thank you for your time and your leadership.

Sincerely,

Marian Orr,
Mayor, Cheyenne Wyoming