



July 26, 2021

**Sent via First Class Mail:**

Congressman Donald Norcross  
200 Federal St., 5th Floor  
Camden, NJ 08103

Dear Congressman Norcross:

On behalf of everyone at Mercer Gasket & Shim (Mercer), 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.

Mercer Gasket & Shim  
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Refineries, particularly those in the Northeast have one of the highest job multipliers of any industry in the country. We have been providing Gaskets to all the local refineries in our area for decades. These refineries account for 50% of our business. They are the lifeline of Mercer Gasket. We are a New Jersey family-owned small business and employ 20 great workers. These people have families, and bills that these great refineries help with daily.

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.

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 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 our region and of thousands of people employed by companies like ours are depending on it. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Vice President  
Mercer Gasket & Shim

CC: Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania  
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Senator Cory Booker  
Gina McCarthy, National Climate Advisor  
Dan Utech, Chief of Staff, EPA  
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