



Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: RFS Annual Rules EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0324

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of the Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council and the 95,000 Ohio Building Tradespeople and 132 local construction union affiliates we represent, I respectfully encourage your administration to lower the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Renewable Volume Obligations (RVO) for 2022 by more than 1.5 billion gallons in the final rule, and to eliminate the proposed supplemental RVO included in *Renewable Fuel Standard Program: RFS Annual Rules*, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0324.

As currently written, we believe the proposed EPA rule threatens Ohio Building Tradespeople's jobs in Ohio's refining sector at a time when these jobs are already in jeopardy. The uncertainty of RFS compliance at this time will add undue strain to Ohio's refineries and the tradespeople who build and maintain them.

We appreciate your Administration's commitment to union construction workers and working Ohioans, and we support the administration's work to build a stronger renewable energy infrastructure. However, we also believe that more realistic 2022 RVO levels will protect union construction jobs in Ohio at a time of continued uncertainty for our state's oil, gas, and petrochemical industries as well as avoiding increases in consumer fuel prices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Knisley
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council