



THE PETROLEUM ALLIANCE OF OKLAHOMA

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma and our 1,300 member companies representing tens of thousands Oklahoma families who work in the oil and natural gas industry, I write to share our concerns with the misguided proposals some within your administration are advocating for related to Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) hardship waivers granted by the EPA. While we understand and share your concern for family farmers, we believe these proposals will severely impact the hard-working men and women who depend on the economic benefits our refineries provide, while doing little or nothing to assist family farmers.

The RFS is now an antiquated rule created at a time when the United States faced an uncertain energy future after three decades of crude oil production declines. Less than 15 years after the RFS was enacted, Americans now live in a world of energy abundance thanks to the vast new oil and natural gas resources unlocked by horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

Oklahoma and the oil and natural gas producers that call our state home have led the industry resurgence that erased 30 years of crude oil declines in one decade. Crude oil production is now at record levels, giving our nation a stable, abundant and affordable supply of transportation fuels. Increased crude oil production in Oklahoma and across the Mid-Continent has given refiners an ample supply of light, sweet crude oil that yields a large percentage of high-valued petroleum products like gasoline.

In spite of the fact that the standard no longer makes sense, RFS remains, and now refiners are facing a regulatory and economic strain that could become detrimental. Under the law that created the RFS, small refineries were given exemptions from the ethanol blending requirements, but large biofuel producers are now unjustly pushing your administration to deny those exemptions and force all refiners to meet the ethanol mandate.

Without those exemptions, smaller refiners like those in our home state will be disproportionately harmed, and the negative impact could even force some refineries to close. We urge you to put America first by rejecting these attempts to harm our industry and drive up fuel prices for consumers.

Respectfully,

Chad Warmington
President, The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma

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