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Mr. Ronald Klain, White House Chief of Staff
Office of the President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. Klain:

I write today to urge President Biden to reform the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program before it is too late. With the energy issues we are currently facing, failure to act will no doubt put us in an even worse position because of the potential to lose American jobs and fuel supplies. Reforming the RFS is in the best interest of the 2nd Senate District, as well as the entire state of Ohio.

As you know, oil refining represents a large portion of Ohio's economy. In my part of the state we have multiple refineries that account for thousands of direct and indirect jobs, a significant portion of Ohio's available energy, and a tax base that funds emergency services and schools. I have heard from many people within the refining industry that should the RFS not be altered, continued compliance will harm their ability to plan for the future and protect these good-paying jobs.

As you are aware, gas prices are a serious concern for all Americans. However, without meaningful reforms it is certain that those prices will rise due to increased refining costs. Studies have shown that the current RFS program is already adding 30 cents per gallon of gasoline to consumers at the pump. We simply cannot afford to sit idly by and let this continue.

Our federal officials have an outstanding opportunity to make critical reforms that will benefit not just people who work in the refining industry, but Americans in all 50 states. This issue is a top priority for my constituents, and I urge the administration to make these structural reforms to the RFS program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa Gavarone".

Theresa Gavarone
State Senator
Ohio's 2nd Senate District