

## Railroad Construction Co.

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## Sent via First Class Mail:

Congressman Donald Norcross

200 Federal St. 5th Floor Camden, NJ 08103

Dear Congressman Norcross:

Railroad Construction Co. of South Jersey, Inc. is a family run business that was founded in 1926. We are a construction company that builds and repairs track for railroad and transit systems throughout the Northeast. Our focus is to ensure safe and efficient transportation for both people and cargo. With the current focus on infrastructure, I hope you realize the importance of companies like ours. We currently have 67 full-time employees, work with numerous Labor, Operator and Construction Unions throughout the United States, and recognize that you are a strong ally in fighting for worker's rights.

On behalf of the owners and employees of Railroad Construction Company of Southern New Jersey (Railroad Co.), 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.

Refineries, particularly those in the Northeast, have one of the highest job multipliers of any industry in the country. They rely on the material support, personnel, and expertise that companies like ours provide to them. Their dependence on Railroad Co., and many other businesses in turn supports thousands of good paying, family sustaining jobs throughout the tri-state region. This interdependence is critical, and it has been a major boon for our regional economy for decades.

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 costs of 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), have failed to help expand renewable fuel production, and have provided almost no benefit the hard-working American farmers that it was intended to assist.

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

Sincerely,

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