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Sent via First Class Mail:

Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon
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Dear Congresswoman Scanlon:

On behalf of everyone at Scientific Equipment Company (SECO), 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. Our company is absolutely committed to the use of biofuels to help produce a cleaner environment however, the current cost of compliance far outweighs the benefits. The system desperately needs reform. Not vanish, just reform.

The President recently strongly encouraged Germany to not be dependent on Russia for critical fuel supplies. If our independent refineries close, we'll be dependent on other countries for our transportation fuel. Assuredly some of those suppliers would come from adversarial governments.

Scientific Equipment Company (SECO) was established in 1933. We have been in Aston, Delaware County since 1980. Our business is to supply the regions industrial R & D and Quality Control laboratories. The business supports 8 families with well paying jobs and benefits. We survived the loss of PES but losing Monroe and perhaps PBF would be difficult to absorb and continue.

Most businesses can adapt to significant costs if those costs are stable, transparent, and predictable. The market for RIN's is none of these. I have no doubt the local independent refiners can thrive if the RIN market is reformed so these costs are less than fuel and employment costs. Currently, they are not. Again, reform is what is being advocated, not the demise of the program.

We quickly learned from the demise of PES that 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 the Northeast 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,

Brian McCutcheon
President
Scientific Equipment Company

CC: Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania
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