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Congresswoman Madeleine Dean
115 E Glenside Ave, Suite 1
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Dear Congresswoman Dean:

On behalf of everyone at Swagelok Penn, 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.

Swagelok Penn was founded in 1960 and for more than 60 years we have provided good and services to the local Refineries and many affiliated support-businesses and mechanical contractors. We employ 34 associates, and the refinery sector represents a significant percentage of our overall business despite the recent closure of four area refineries.

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 Swagelok, and many other businesses in turn supports thousands of good paying, family sustaining jobs throughout the tristate region. This interdependence is critical, and it has been a major boon for our regional economy for decades.

But 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 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 and others, or to help expand renewable fuel production, or to benefit the hard-working American farmers that it was intended to provide.

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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cc: Governor Tom Wolf
Senator Bob Casey
Senator Pat Toomey