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The Honorable Randy Feenstra  
Co-Chair  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Stephanie Bice  
Co-Chair  
Rural Domestic Energy Council  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bice and Representative Feenstra,

On behalf of the more than 395,000 hardworking men and women of the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA), I write in support of H.R. 5636, the Protect Consumers from Reallocation Costs Act of 2025, and to ensure that any potential legislation allowing for the sale of year-round E15 includes measures to control the costs of Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance credits.

Our members are proud to play a leading role in delivering affordable and reliable energy. Many of our members are employed by smaller independent refiners, who typically pay more than their larger competitors for compliance credits known as Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs). The skyrocketing costs of RINs in recent years have forced many small refiners to declare bankruptcy and shutter operations, eliminating good-paying UA jobs and weakening our energy supply in the process. These costs will only increase if year-round E15 is sold, threatening countless union jobs like ours.

As Congress considers legislation to authorize year-round sales of E15, it must include provisions to protect these smaller independent refiners. The Protect Consumers from Reallocation Costs Act would prevent RFS requirements associated with small refiner exemptions (SREs) from being shifted to refiners that do not receive them. In addition, it is critical that Congress also does not shrink the pool of small refiners eligible for exemptions.

The entire United Association is proud to keep our nation moving through our essential work in the energy industry. We urge you to support H.R. 5636 and work to protect the good-paying union jobs that power this country by curtailing rising ethanol RINs prices.

Sincerely yours,

Mark McManus  
General President, United Association

