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**Sent via First Class Mail**

Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan  
709 E. Gay Street, Suite 4  
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Dear Congresswoman Houlahan:

On behalf of everyone at Weston Solutions (Weston), I'm writing to you today to ask for your help in advocating for reform to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). We support the local refineries' goal of obtaining relief from the economic hardship of the current renewable fuel blending requirements. 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. We advocate that the administration set achievable annual RFS volume standards and favorably respond to the refiners' petitions for economic relief.

Weston is a premier provider of environmental and infrastructure support services serving federal, state, and local government, and industrial, utility, and commercial clients. Our specific services for the midstream refining industry include linear and aboveground facility multimedia permitting (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) - regulated and non-regulated systems), pipeline design, natural resource surveys and consultations, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and environmental construction inspection/monitoring. Our employee-owners have worked hard to build long-lasting relationships with clients like Monroe Energy, and we are industry leaders in environmental compliance and remediation of historic and evolving environmental issues.

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 Weston, 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. 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.



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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. This is consistent with granting oil refiners relieve from their biofuel mandates amid soaring credit costs. Prices for these RIN credits reached all-time highs this year. The economic livelihoods of many businesses in our Commonwealth and of thousands of employed people are depending on it. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,

Weston Solutions, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig A. Moylan".

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