



February 28, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

I write concerning media reports that the Administration is exploring changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program due to a recent decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Wyoming is home to five refineries that are disproportionately harmed by the RFS. In Wyoming, the refining and petrochemical industry employees nearly 10,000 individuals and contribute \$266 million dollars in local and state tax revenue.

If allowed to stand, the decision will put small refineries in Wyoming under severe financial strain and thousands of jobs at risk. The decision will dramatically increase RFS compliance costs for refineries of all sizes and raise gasoline prices for Wyoming drivers. We urge you, to appeal this decision to an *en banc* panel of the Tenth Circuit and, if necessary, the U.S. Supreme Court.

Since the decision, the price of RFS compliance credits (or RINs) has already doubled. If not appealed, RIN prices will likely increase exponentially. Higher RIN prices eventually means higher gasoline prices for Wyoming families and businesses. We trust that you share our view that higher fuel prices and fewer jobs are the last thing the American public or economy need.

There is still plenty of blending occurring through the larger refineries. Based on U.S. Energy Information Data ethanol blending for 2019 was at an all-time high. In addition, Congress recently provided an additional incentive for the biofuels lobby in the biodiesel blenders tax credit, which was recently retroactively extended until 2022.

During the prior Administration, Wyoming refiners suffered under misguided and punishing energy policy. I am thankful you understand the importance of high paying manufacturing jobs in our rural communities. I ask that you keep compliance costs low and appeal this misguided decision.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Gordon", is written over a white background.

Mark Gordon
Governor of Wyoming