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## **Fueling American Jobs Coalition Statement on SCOTUS Review of RFS Small Refinery Exemptions**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement after the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) heard oral arguments in *HollyFrontier Cheyenne Refining, LLC v. Renewable Fuels Association*, a case reviewing the ability of small refineries to obtain economic relief from the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Under current law, small refineries facing “economic hardship” can receive exemptions from the RFS mandate. Earlier this year, SCOTUS Justices agreed to hear an appeal by units of HollyFrontier Corp. and Wynnewood Refining Co., which said the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling wrongly deprived small refineries of economic relief that was specifically authorized by Congress.

**“America’s small and independent refineries face extraordinary financial hardship as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the historic decrease in fuel demand. This disproportionate financial hardship has been exacerbated by the skyrocketing costs of RINs, which continue to climb to record levels. With each passing day, these financial tolls raise the probability of refinery plant closures, threatening thousands of good-paying jobs and the security of our nation’s fuel supplies.**

**“While the world's largest oil conglomerates reap the benefits of the Renewable Fuel Standard, consumers and independent refiners continue to bear the costs. Echoing a bipartisan group of governors, we call on the Biden Administration to address the skyrocketing costs of RINs. We ask the administration to act now to alleviate the crushing economic burden of RINs and prevent further job losses in our sector. The EPA does not have the luxury of waiting for the Supreme Court’s decision to provide America’s refinery workers with this relief.”**

*The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers, local gas station owners, small retailers, and independent American oil refiners fighting for a commonsense fix to the EPA’s flawed RFS. The need for significant reform has only grown over the past few years as the cost of purchasing Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) to comply with the RFS has grown increasingly volatile, threatening some refiners’ survival. For additional information, visit [www.fuelingusjobs.com](http://www.fuelingusjobs.com).*