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FAJC Statement on Favorable SCOTUS Decision on Small Refinery Exemptions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement today after the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled in favor of HollyFrontier in *HollyFrontier Cheyenne Refining, LLC v. Renewable Fuels Association*, determining that small refiners are eligible to be granted extended economic relief by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

“Although the Supreme Court made the correct decision, the sad reality is that their decision is limited to small refiners, and doubts remain whether larger independent refiners will be able to survive the disproportionate financial burdens imposed by the federal biofuel mandate. As refiners continue to struggle to overcome the economic calamity caused by the global pandemic, the unproductive, unpredictable, and unsustainable costs of the Renewable Fuel Standard keep their future in jeopardy.

“Now that the Supreme Court has made its decision on small refiner exemptions, all eyes are on President Biden and EPA to see how they will fix the dysfunctional Renewable Fuel Standard as thousands of union jobs hang in the balance.”

Independent refiners facing economic hardship can receive exemptions from RFS blending mandates. SCOTUS previously heard oral arguments for this case in April 2021, after HollyFrontier Corp. and Wynnewood Refining Co. appealed the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals case that wrongly deprived small refineries of economic relief that was specifically authorized by Congress.

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.