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Overwhelming Bipartisan Support in the Pennsylvania State Senate and New Jersey For RFS Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement today after the Pennsylvania State Senate and New Jersey General Assembly each passed resolutions calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to curb skyrocketing compliance costs under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which currently threaten the financial viability and survival of refineries in both states, putting at risk hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity and thousands of high-quality jobs in organized labor.

“The Fueling American Jobs Coalition applauds the overwhelming bipartisan support of two resolutions in the Pennsylvania State Senate and New Jersey General Assembly calling on President Biden and EPA to curb the unsustainable costs of the federal Renewable Fuel Standard. State lawmakers understand what’s at stake for their constituents and their communities, which is why they’re calling on EPA to provide relief to refiners struggling under the broken Renewable Fuel Standard. With thousands of good-paying, family-sustaining refinery jobs in Pennsylvania and New Jersey on the line, it is encouraging to see continued momentum and growing, bipartisan support for RFS relief and reform. We urge President Biden and EPA Administrator Regan to take notice and heed these calls for action.”

The New Jersey General Assembly resolution [AJR238](#), introduced by Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli, notes that regional refineries once supported more than 16,500 jobs in New Jersey alone – compensating those employees with more than a total of \$1 billion – while adding \$4.2 billion to the state GDP and generating more than \$12.3 billion in total economic output, with more than \$382 million toward state and local taxes. **The resolution passed with a unanimous 70-0 vote.**

The Pennsylvania State Senate resolution [SR139](#), introduced by State Senator Mensch and sponsored by State Senator Kane, notes that each refining job in southeastern Pennsylvania has a significant multiplier effect, supporting an estimated 18.3 jobs throughout nearby community, 22 jobs across the state, and 61 jobs nationwide—many of which are jobs in organized labor. **The resolution passed with an overwhelming 47-3 vote.**

Legislators in both states recognize the urgent need for EPA to curb the runaway compliance costs under the federal RFS program. The passage of these resolutions comes in conjunction with a recent groundswell of support for RFS reform from [union leaders](#), [public officials](#), and [leaders in the business community](#) in the region.

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.

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