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FAJC Warns Senate Farm Bill E15 Proposal Could Raise Gas Prices Without Meaningful RFS Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC) today warned Senate lawmakers against advancing year-round E15 through the Senate Agriculture Committee's draft Farm Bill without first enacting meaningful reforms to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The coalition warned that expanding E15 without RFS reform would increase compliance costs that will raise gas prices for American consumers, and put U.S. refining capacity at risk.

"At a time when Americans continue to face high energy costs, Congress should not use a must-pass Farm Bill to advance a proposal that will raise gas prices by expanding year-round E15 without meaningful Renewable Fuel Standard reform. This proposal opens the door to even higher ethanol mandates without addressing the excessive and volatile RFS compliance costs already burdening consumers and independent refiners alike."

"Rather than fixing the problem, the proposed framework permanently shifts compliance obligations from exempted small refiners onto equally impacted mid-sized merchant refiners, forcing mid-sized refiners to pay for compliance credits on fuel they never produced. That is not reform. It is simply shifting costs from one refiner to another."

"Recent analysis from the Energy Policy Research Foundation estimates the Renewable Fuel Standard already adds roughly 45 cents per gallon to fuel costs. Expanding year-round E15 without meaningful RFS reform will only increase compliance costs, put additional pressure on domestic refining capacity, and raise gasoline and diesel prices for American families."

"Independent refiners have made clear they can support year-round E15, but only if it is paired with meaningful RFS reform. We urge senators to reject any Farm Bill proposal that expands ethanol mandates or shifts compliance costs without reforms to protect refinery workers, U.S. refining capacity, and consumers."

About the Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC)

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners fighting for a commonsense fix to the EPA's flawed Renewable Fuel Standard. 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.fuelinqusjobs.com.