



#### **STATEMENT BY THE FUELING AMERICAN JOBS COALITION**

**October 4, 2019**—The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement regarding the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) deal announced this morning by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA—which has no jurisdiction over Small Refiner Exemptions, or SREs):

“With today’s announcement, the President has broken his promise to the manufacturing workers he promised to protect in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and across the nation to benefit Senators and trade associations in the pocket of the foreign biofuel lobby.

The entire concept of prospectively recovering SRE volumes is based on a false premise. The overwhelming consensus of data—confirmed by this EPA—shows that SREs do not suppress U.S. ethanol production, demand or exports. Domestic ethanol consumption is already robust—blending levels are high.

There is no evidence that arbitrary expansions in mandated ethanol use will come from domestic production. If history is any guide, additional volume almost certainly will be satisfied by imports, not American ethanol production.”

*The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers, mom & pop gas station owners, small retailers, and independent American oil refiners fighting for a commonsense fix to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) flawed Renewable Fuel Standard (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.fuelinjobs.com](http://www.fuelinjobs.com).*