

**July 29, 2019-** The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement in regard to today's visit by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Pennsylvania Senator Pat Toomey to the Monroe Energy Trainer refining complex:

We thank Senator Toomey and Administrator Wheeler for visiting the Monroe refining complex in Philadelphia, one of a handful of refineries that supplies critical fuels to individuals, homes and businesses along America's heavily populated east coast.

As anyone who has visited a refinery firsthand can attest, the work conducted at these vast complexes demands a tremendous investment of financial and human resources. The output of refineries helps sustain our economy, and their workers help sustain entire communities.

For these reasons, it is critical that the cost of complying with the Renewable Fuel Standard is kept at a reasonable level, particularly as reflected in the cost of renewable identification numbers (RINs). Attempts to drive up RINs costs serve only to enrich a handful of traders and middlemen; they do nothing to benefit America's refineries or farmers.

We hope this visit illustrates once and for all the importance of carrying out an RFS policy that protects refining jobs and consumer fuel supplies. President Trump has often stated his desire for a balanced approach to biofuels policy; the federal government should take care to follow the President's lead.

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition was formed by union workers, mom & pop gas station owners, small retailers, and independent American oil refiners fighting for commonsense fixes to the flawed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). For additional information, visit www.fuelingusjobs.com.