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Bipartisan Support for RFS Reform Pushes Resolution Through New Jersey Legislature

New Jersey State Senate passes General Assembly resolution with a 35-0 vote

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement today after the New Jersey State Senate passed [General Assembly resolution AJR238](#). The resolution, which [passed](#) the New Jersey General Assembly last week, calls on President Biden and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to invoke their authority under the Clean Air Act to provide urgently needed relief to independent refiners under the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

“The overwhelming bipartisan support for this resolution demonstrates the growing momentum for RFS reform at the state and local level. New Jersey policymakers – Democrats and Republicans – are calling on the Biden administration to protect their communities and the state’s ongoing economic recovery as the federal Renewable Fuel Standard threatens the viability of refineries in the region. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle understand what’s at stake—now it’s up to President Biden and EPA Administrator Regan to act.”

The passage of this resolution follows a [letter](#) sent by Governor Phil Murphy (D-N.J.) to EPA Administrator Michael Regan underscoring the deleterious economic conditions threatening the viability of New Jersey’s remaining refineries, a crisis that is being compounded by the runaway costs of the federal RFS program.

Both the bipartisan resolution and the governor’s letter underscore the dire situation for independent refiners and their workers now as the economic calamity of the COVID-19 pandemic has been exacerbated by the soaring costs of Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) under EPA’s RFS program. Before the pandemic, independent refiners supported 16,000 jobs and generated \$12.3 billion in total economic output for the state.

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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