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FAJC Statement on the Renewed Push to Force E15 in Annual Appropriations Bills

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Fueling American Jobs Coalition issued the following statement in response to reports that lawmakers may attempt to include language authorizing year-round E15 sales while eliminating small refinery exemptions (SREs) in the annual appropriations bills.

"It's Groundhog Day on Capitol Hill as D.C.'s ethanol lobby and the world's largest oil companies push for year-round E15 sales to force higher ethanol mandates, manipulate the market, and eliminate competition in the domestic refining sector. Year-round E15 is not about expanding consumer choice—it's about using government mandates to drive unachievable ethanol mandates even higher, harming consumers at the pump and threatening American energy jobs in the process.

"Out-of-control Renewable Fuel Standard compliance costs have already contributed to refinery closures across the country, undermining U.S. refining capacity and energy security. Independent refiners have long warned that expanding E15 without meaningful action to rein in RIN costs would further destabilize domestic fuel manufacturing and put thousands of jobs at risk. The cost of RFS credits already adds 20 to 30 cents per gallon to consumer fuel costs on a historic basis. At a time when gas prices are finally falling, Congress should not look to drive them back up again.

"Rather than pursuing real reform that would support the U.S. refining sector, domestic fuel supplies and American jobs, some of the largest oil companies are now backing a proposal that expands E15 while eliminating the only mechanism that has ever provided RIN relief. This is a short-sighted, reckless proposal that would risk domestic fuel supplies and drive higher gas prices. It's completely divorced from the economic and energy-supply chain realities that America's independent refiners face right now.

"We ask Congress to prioritize the passage of legislation that will protect America's independent refiners — the backbone of U.S. energy freedom and independence — as efforts to pass extreme government mandates escalate.

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.fuelingusjobs.com.

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