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Pa. Congress Members Join Bipartisan Calls for RFS Reform

Pennsylvania Members of Congress to EPA and President Biden: “This issue has reached a critical junction, and we fear that without action, thousands of good, family-sustaining union jobs could be at risk.”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement today after U.S. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-Pa.) [led a letter with five Democratic Congressional colleagues](#) urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide immediate economic relief to independent refiners under the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Independent refineries play a critical role in Pennsylvania’s economy. Each refining job in southeastern Pennsylvania has a significant multiplier effect, supporting an estimated 18.3 jobs throughout nearby community, 22 jobs across the state, and 61 jobs nationwide—many of which are jobs in organized labor. Now, those jobs are in danger due to the unpredictable and unsustainable compliance costs of the RFS.

“These members of Congress understand what’s at stake for hundreds of their constituents and thousands of families throughout the greater Philadelphia region. Time is running out for President Biden and EPA to fix the Renewable Fuel Standard and protect each refining job in southeastern Pennsylvania and the surrounding region. We thank these members for standing with Pennsylvania and the region’s independent refining industry and the thousands of high-quality, family sustaining jobs it supports. With so much at stake, now it’s up to President Biden and EPA Administrator Regan to heed these calls for reform.”

Rep. Scanlon led the letter to EPA and President Biden, along with Sen. Bob Casey, Rep. Brendan Boyle, Rep. Dwight Evans, Rep. Conor Lamb, Rep. Susan Wild and Rep. Madeleine Dean.

“For independent refineries that are required to purchase RINs, RFS compliance costs now run into hundreds of millions of dollars a year, exceeding all other operational costs,” the members wrote. **“To put this into further context, at current RIN prices, this year the Monroe Energy facility will spend twice as much to comply with the RFS program as it spent to purchase the entire company only ten years ago.”**

“This issue has reached a critical junction, and we fear that without action, thousands of good, family-sustaining union jobs could be at risk,” the members continued. **“We hope we**

can work with your administration to identify and implement solutions to the problems facing independent refiners across our country.”

This new letter comes after [Sen. Pat Toomey \(R-Pa.\)](#) led 16 of his U.S. Senate colleagues in calling on EPA for urgent reform, and amid [growing calls from elected officials, organized labor leaders, small businesses and business advocacy groups](#) throughout the tri-state region.

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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