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## New Ad Campaign Calls on President Biden to Lower Gas Prices and Protect Domestic Fuel Supplies by Fixing EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition launches a renewed TV ad campaign in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and digital ads nationwide describing how, "with just the stroke of a pen, President Biden can cut up to 30 cents off every gallon you pump—by fixing the RFS."

*WASHINGTON, D.C.* — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition launched a renewed television and digital advertising campaign calling on President Biden to lower gas prices, protect America's energy security, and save tens of thousands of independent refinery jobs by reforming the federal biofuel mandate, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

The new campaign kicks off in Philadelphia, Pa. and Washington, D.C. with the Coalition's 30-second television ad, *"Lower, Protect, Save,"* and digital ads deployed nationwide illustrating how the RFS is contributing up to 30 cents a gallon to consumer fuel costs. The ads will reach millions of American drivers who are continuing to pay high gas prices at the pump, as well as the tens of thousands of independent refinery workers – <u>thousands in the Philadelphia region</u> – who have been calling on President Biden and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan to fix the RFS.



Click here or above to watch the ad, "Lower, Protect, Save."

"As President Biden works to lower energy costs for working families and strengthen America's energy security, the Biden administration cannot ignore the impacts of EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard on high gas prices and America's domestic refining capacity.

"For years, a broad and diverse coalition of union workers, business owners, and elected officials have been urging the Biden administration to contain the out-of-control compliance costs of the RFS, which have contributed to deep losses to America's domestic refining capacity and the elimination of thousands of high-quality, family-sustaining jobs. This new ad campaign highlights how reforming the RFS is an opportunity for President Biden to counter rising costs for American families, support tens of thousands of refinery workers, and bolster U.S. energy security amid geopolitical instability.

## "As the EPA considers its proposed biofuel mandate levels for 2023, it is critical the Biden administration considers how the broken Renewable Fuel Standard is contributing to high gas prices at the pump and putting America's domestic refining capacity at risk."

The RFS adds an approximated <u>\$30 billion</u> to domestic fuel costs annually due to the volatile costs of Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs). This hidden tax translates to roughly an extra <u>20 to 30 cents</u> <u>per gallon</u> for the American consumer. In February, one energy policy analyst <u>testified</u> in front of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that, "the RFS program is raising gasoline prices by approximately 30 cents a gallon."

Earlier this year, after the EPA <u>proposed</u> its biofuel blending levels for 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Biden administration heard from a diverse array of stakeholders who <u>testified</u> about the proposal, including refinery workers. Their testimony was backed by a <u>bipartisan group</u> of elected officials, labor leaders, business advocacy groups and industries throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, and Michigan and nationwide who have been calling on the administration to fix the RFS.

After <u>finalizing</u> those biofuel blending levels in June, EPA is now preparing to propose blending volumes for 2023, with a proposal expected by November 16.

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 <u>www.fuelingusjobs.com</u>.

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