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### **Small and Independent Refiners Urge Congress to Reject H.R. 1346 & Protect American Refiners, Fuel Supplies**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC), a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners, today urged Congress to oppose H.R. 1346 ahead of a scheduled vote on the legislation in the U.S. House of Reps. on May 13.

The legislation would waive longstanding Clean Air Act protections to authorize nationwide year-round E15 sales while eliminating Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs), the only existing safety valve for small and independent refiners under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Notably, the legislation does not reform the RFS compliance system, which continues to drive volatility and higher costs across the fuel market.

**“This legislation is not a compromise. This move contradicts the President’s commitment that any E15 agreement would protect small and mid-sized refiners. This legislation is a cost shift that will be paid by America’s independent refiners and millions of American consumers who depend on affordable, reliable gasoline.**

**“The RFS already adds an estimated 30 cents to every gallon of consumer fuel. H.R. 1346 will further increase fuel costs by opening the door to expanding the unachievable ethanol mandate and stripping away the last remaining protections for America’s small and independent refiners. As RFS compliance costs rise and flexibility disappears, independent and small refiners will face greater financial pressure in shakier economic times, increasing the risk of additional refinery closures and tighter fuel supplies.**

**“There’s a cruel irony that this scheduled House vote coincides with new reports that the Trump Administration is considering ‘all measures’ to lower gas prices for American consumers. Congress should not advance unbalanced legislation that risks raising gas prices and weakening America’s energy security in the long-term.**

**“Independent refiners have made clear that we could support legislation for year-round E15, only if paired with meaningful reforms that reduce and contain volatile RIN costs. This proposal does the opposite. We urge Congress to vote NO on H.R. 1346 and reject efforts to expand ethanol mandates while eliminating critical refinery relief protections for American refiners, workers, and consumers.”**

#### **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](http://www.fuelingusjobs.com).