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FAJC to President Trump: Keep American Jobs and Diesel Moving

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC), a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners, released the following statement in response to President Trump's executive order aimed at lowering record diesel prices.

"We welcome President Trump's decision not to restrict U.S. diesel exports, which would have forced American refiners to reduce production. Refineries produce gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and other products simultaneously. Forcing refiners to cut diesel runs would have meant less gasoline, jet fuel, and heating oil when supplies are already tight.

"Allowing red-dyed diesel to be used on the roadways and providing temporary tax relief is a much more effective option to provide some relief for diesel consumers. We encourage the Administration and Congress to build on this policy and work to advance another option to provide immediate relief on diesel costs: adjusting and reforming the federal biofuel mandate, which has been adding 30 to 40 cents per gallon to gasoline and diesel fuel costs.

"We urge the Administration to reject EPA's proposal to reallocate small refinery exemptions. This has the effect of permanently increasing the ethanol mandate, driving up the cost of producing gasoline and diesel, and increasing prices at the pump for consumers in the process. Furthermore, members of the Senate should reject the Farm Bill language that would serve to lock in higher costs through permanent reallocation of small refinery exemptions.

"If unaddressed, these costs will continue to burden American consumers and put additional pressure on prices at the pump, while disincentivizing investment in domestic refining capacity. In the wake of this executive order to provide some near-term relief on diesel prices, we implore the Administration and Congress to address the hidden tax imposed by the Renewable Fuel Standard. Meaningful RFS reform that reins in volatile RIN costs would build on today's action, lower fuel production costs, and provide lasting relief at the pump."

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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