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Independent Refiners Warn EPA's 100% Reallocation Proposal Threatens Fuel Affordability and American Jobs

Washington, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition, representing a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners, issued the following statement in response to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin's proposal to reallocate 100% of additional 2025 small refinery exemption (SRE) volumes onto other refiners, on top of historically high Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates for 2026 and 2027.

"EPA's proposal threatens to drive up gasoline and diesel prices for American consumers even higher than the 30 to 40 cents per gallon the RFS has been adding to prices at the pump. Past experience shows that reallocation is unnecessary to maintain biofuel blending. In 2018, when EPA granted small refinery exemptions without reallocating the waived volumes, ethanol blending remained constant and the blend rate even increased slightly. Reallocating those volumes now would simply add more compliance costs on top of EPA's already unrealistic mandates for 2026 and 2027, further burdening American consumers and America's remaining independent refiners.

"America's farmers deserve strong markets for their crops, but they also depend on affordable diesel to plant, harvest, and transport them. Agricultural groups cannot continue demanding ever-higher biofuel mandates while ignoring the higher fuel costs those same policies can impose on farmers. EPA should pursue a balanced policy that supports American agriculture without sacrificing fuel affordability, refinery jobs, or domestic energy production.

"President Trump has pledged to unleash American energy and lower costs for American families. EPA's proposal threatens to undermine both goals. We urge President Trump to reject 100% reallocation, lower prices at the pump, and establish blending requirements that reflect actual fuel demand and infrastructure capabilities. America cannot achieve energy dominance by imposing policies that threaten domestic refining capacity and affordable fuel that consumers are demanding."

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 [fuelingusjobs.com].

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