



FOR RELEASE: September 16, 2026

CONTACT: press@fuelingusjobs.com

FAJC WARNS SENATE FARM BILL E15 PROVISION THREATENS HIGHER FUEL COSTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC), a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners, released the following statement after the Senate Agriculture Committee advanced its Farm Bill, including a provision to authorize year-round E15 without meaningful reforms to rein in the cost to consumers of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

"While American families and farmers grapple with extremely high gas prices and a record surge in diesel prices, the Senate Agriculture Committee just advanced a Farm Bill that threatens to drive fuel costs even higher. The year-round E15 provision is a veiled attempt to expand the ethanol mandate without addressing the volatile RFS compliance costs already driving up the cost of producing gasoline and diesel, while increasing biofuel imports.

"Recent analysis estimates RFS compliance costs add roughly \$15 per barrel of fuel produced, or about 36 cents per gallon. Expanding E15 without first reforming the RFS opens the door to even higher ethanol mandates, putting additional pressure on fuel prices and America's domestic fuel supply at a time when the country and consumers can least afford even higher prices.

"For a bill designed to support American agriculture, the contradiction is especially glaring. Diesel prices jumped more than 24 percent in August, directly affecting farmers who depend on diesel to run tractors, harvest crops, and move their products to market. Congress should be looking for ways to bring those costs down, instead of advancing an E15 policy that enables higher ethanol mandates while leaving the costly RFS compliance system untouched, bleeding Americans' budgets.

"Independent refiners have repeatedly made clear they can support year-round E15 as part of a responsible compromise that meaningfully reduces and contains RIN costs. As the Farm Bill moves forward, senators should fix this provision by pairing year-round E15 with meaningful RFS reform that reins in

RIN costs, protects domestic refining capacity, and helps keep gasoline and diesel affordable for American families and farmers.”

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.

#