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## **FAJC Responds to EPA's Renewable Volume Obligation Gas Tax Increase**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition, which represents union workers and America's independent oil refiners, issued the following statement following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) release of new Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) numbers for 2026 and 2027.

**"For months, we have been forthright with the Administration and with U.S. House and Senate members that the proposed ethanol blending volumes for 2026 & 2027 were too aggressive, and that they didn't accurately reflect what could be blended into our nation's transportation fuels. Unfortunately, with today's announcement, it's clear that our efforts to advocate for achievable volumes were ignored, and this will now likely result in even higher prices at the pump for consumers.**

**"The proposed 27-billion RIN mandate is a massive gas tax increase on consumers at a time of global energy uncertainty and escalating prices. It also represents a direct threat to the survival of independent refiners and the stability of America's fuel supply, which threatens to drive prices even higher. These new requirements are above what the market can realistically absorb, forcing refiners to shoulder compliance costs tied to volumes that do not reflect real-world demand or infrastructure constraints.**

**"Consumers are already paying almost 25 cents more per gallon due to the RFS mandate. At a moment when families are already struggling with affordability, this mandate straddles U.S. families with higher costs which they cannot afford.**

**"Additionally, independent refiners are already paying more in RFS compliance than in all other operating costs combined. This mandate will push those burdens even higher, accelerating refinery closures and further eroding domestic refining capacity at a time when the U.S. has already lost 1.7 million barrels per day since 2019.**

**"The EPA's RVO levels are fundamentally at odds with the President's stated commitment to energy security and affordable energy. America cannot strengthen energy independence while undermining the facilities that produce it. We urge Congress to correct course and reform the Renewable Fuel Standard so that mandates reflect actual market conditions, protect American jobs, and prevent further damage to the nation's fuel supply."**

[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).