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FAJC Statement on Bicameral Legislation to Protect Consumers from Higher Energy Prices and Weaker Energy Security

Rep. Kennedy introduces House companion legislation to Sen. Mike Lee's bill that would prevent the EPA from shifting RFS SRE reallocation costs on consumers, refiners

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition, representing a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners, applauded Rep. Mike Kennedy's (R-Utah) introduction of the Protect Consumers from Reallocation Costs Act of 2025 (H.R. 5636), which mirrors Sen. Mike Lee's (R-Utah) legislation.

Now, there is a united, bicameral effort to stop the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from shifting Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance burdens onto America's independent refiners, protecting consumers from higher gas prices and energy costs.

"Congressman Kennedy is taking a stand for America's refinery workers at a pivotal moment. His legislation, along with Senator Lee's, would stop the EPA from imposing a backdoor tax on America's independent refiners that are already crushed by extreme biofuel mandates and compliance costs.

"Independent refiners are already facing down EPA's unrealistic and unachievable ethanol mandates for 2026 and 2027. If finalized, EPA's mandates will increase energy costs as consumers already pay an extra 20 to 30 cents per gallon at the pump, due to the RFS. Those costs will climb even higher if EPA finalizes its misguided RIN reallocation scheme, threatening greater reliance on foreign fuel, higher gas prices for American families, and the loss of thousands of good-paying refinery jobs.

"We urge other members of Congress to rally behind this bicameral legislation without delay. Protecting independent refiners from reallocation is vital to safeguarding America's energy security, maintaining reliable fuel supplies, and preserving the livelihoods of workers who fuel our economy."

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 $\underline{www.fuelingusjobs.com}$

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