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FAJC Statement on EPA's Small Refinery Biofuel Exemptions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition, a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners, released the following statement in response to Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action on 175 Small Refinery Exemption (SRE) petitions and its plan to reallocate potentially billions of RINs.

"Today's decision grants exclusive relief to small refineries while shifting additional compliance costs onto independent refineries that continue to face enormous pressure under the broken Renewable Fuel Standard. This action threatens U.S. energy security and actively undermines President Trump's pledge to strengthen domestic energy production."

"By lumping independent refineries in with multinational oil conglomerates able to absorb these burdens, the EPA compounds the crushing compliance costs on America's last remaining independent refiners who receive no protection under this program. The prospect of massive increases in volume requirements on independent refiners comes as EPA's proposed 2026 and 2027 Renewable Volume Obligations set an unprecedented 15-billion-gallon mandate completely detached from market realities."

"The EPA must not reallocate these exemptions. And it must reform its proposed biofuel mandate to no more than 14.2 billion gallons. The survival of independent refineries and the livelihoods of thousands of American workers vital to our energy supply chain depend on it."

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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