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The Proposed Senate Farm Bill E15 Framework Is a Mandate That **Shifts Costs, Raises Gas Prices & Threatens U.S. Refining Capacity**

Congress should reject efforts to include unchecked year-round E15 expansion in the Senate farm bill. The proposal would use E15 as a vehicle to expand ethanol mandates under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

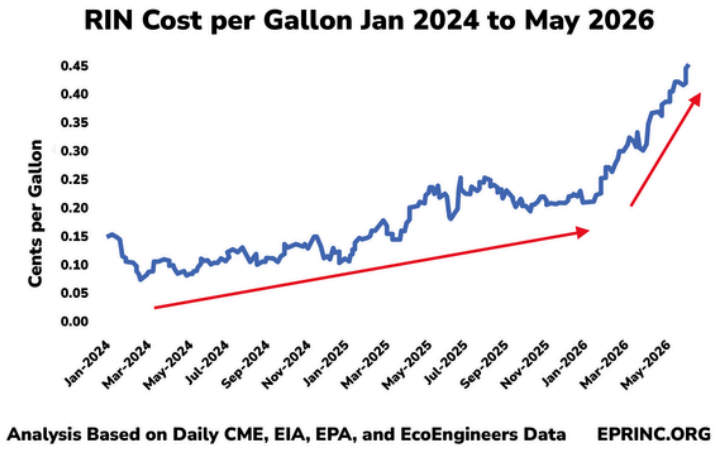
WHAT THIS PROPOSAL **REALLY DOES**

This proposal locks in high costs. It does not reduce them.

- **Opens the door to even higher ethanol mandates through year-round E15** → Expanding E15 without a mechanism to lower already unachievable ethanol blending requirements drives higher compliance costs onto independent refiners, raising gasoline and diesel prices in the process.

- **Permanently redistributes small refiner exemptions volumes to equally impacted mid-sized merchant refiners** → Rather than lowering compliance costs, the proposal simply shifts them. Asking mid-sized refiners to pay for compliance credits on fuels that they did not make is like asking you to pay for insurance on a car that you do not own.

- **Raises compliance costs, gasoline prices, and risks U.S. refining capacity** → By increasing the ethanol mandate without meaningful RFS reform, the proposal raises compliance costs for independent refiners, puts additional pressure on domestic refining capacity, and increases the prices consumers pay at the pump. The Energy Policy Research Foundation recently found that the RFS is currently adding an estimated 45 cents per gallon.



CONGRESS SHOULD REJECT THE SENATE FARM BILL E15 FRAMEWORK AND ANY PROPOSAL THAT USES YEAR-ROUND E15 TO EXPAND RFS MANDATES OR PERMANENTLY REDISTRIBUTE COMPLIANCE COSTS WITHOUT MEANINGFUL RFS REFORM.