

## STATEMENT BY THE FUELING AMERICAN JOBS COALITION

*July 6, 2018-* The Fueling American Jobs Coalition (FAJC) released the following statement on Pruitt's Resignation from the EPA:

Some in the biofuels industry have suggested that successorship at EPA was in some way related to implementation issues regarding the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) or consideration of small-refiner exemptions (SREs). Nothing could be further from the truth.

The President himself has agreed that some reform of the RFS is sensible and even tasked the Administrator to further develop the President's own concept, and no harm to biofuels has ever been demonstrated regarding SREs. Under the Clean Air Act and at the direction of the courts, SREs must be granted if disproportionate economic impact is demonstrated. No retroactive sleight of hand can be used the reallocate those SREs.

If biofuels lobbyists are uncomfortable with the law on SREs, they should join with stakeholders across the US economy in reforming the RFS once and for all. Any party that believes the first year and a half of this Administration's EPA hasn't been good for agriculture just hasn't been paying attention. Generous biofuel volumes under RFS along with work on issues like waters of the US, methane, and agricultural chemicals clearly proves that EPA has worked closely with agricultural constituents.

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers, mom & pop gas station owners, small retailers, and independent American oil refiners fighting for a common sense fix to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) flawed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The need for significant reform has only grown over the last year as the cost of purchasing Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) to comply with the RFS has skyrocketed, threatening some refiners' survival. For additional information, visit <u>www.fuelingusjobs.com</u>.