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Subject: RE: AFPM statement on 10th Circ.

Thank you for the heads up. I hope to catch up one way or another soon.

Best,
Mandy

From: Geoffrey Moody <GMoody@afpm.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Subject: AFPM statement on 10th Circ.

Mandy, I hate that we have to do this, but I wanted to give you a heads up that we're going to pushing out this statement this morning in response to the apparent decision not to challenge the 10th Circuit's decision. Our companies are bleeding right now and this is coming at the worst possible time.

Let me know if it you would like to discuss further. Hope you're keeping your head above water and staying healthy.

AFPM president and CEO Chet Thompson today issued the following statement in response to the Trump Administration's decision not to appeal the 10th Circuit ruling that would effectively end the small refinery relief program established by Congress under the Renewable Fuel Standard:

It is astonishing that President Trump has abandoned our country's small refinery workers and the communities that rely on these critical facilities in this time of national crisis and economic uncertainty. It's beyond us why the President is once again trying to appease a biofuel industry that time and again has demonstrated it cannot be satisfied and always believes it is entitled to more.

The decision not to appeal a ruling that says small refineries struggling to pay for RFS compliance should simply "exit the market" betrays President Trump's promise to U.S. manufacturers and undermines his energy dominance agenda. We are nevertheless optimistic this flawed decision will be overturned, and in the meantime will press ahead with every other tool at our disposal to reform the broken RFS program.

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