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**Subject:** Help Protect Refiners Jobs In Reference to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ- OAR-2017-0091

Brittany Bolen,

The time is now to help prevent a massive loss of good-paying American jobs. The largest refinery on the East Coast, owned by Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES), just filed for bankruptcy due to the skyrocketing costs associated with the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The EPA currently implements the Renewable Fuel Standard in a way that makes all U.S. refiners responsible for ensuring that certain levels of renewable fuels are blended into gasoline, even if they do not have capabilities to do such blending.

This nonsensical set-up allows large integrated oil companies that blend more fuel than they refine and big convenience store gasoline chains (who do much of the blending) to collect valuable credits for the renewable fuel they blend into the pure gasoline they get from refineries. Independent refiners, who do little or no blending themselves, are then forced to purchase those credits at astronomical prices in order to demonstrate compliance with a process they have little control over. More small and independent refiners are at risk of going offline due to this backwards regulation, with 75,000-150,000 U.S. workers potentially impacted.

Please, help save our jobs and make this right. Please take action to address out of control RIN prices in a way that fixes this inequity.

Thank you.

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