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June 25, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

Congratulations on your recent appointment to Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for your continued dedication to environmental stewardship. I write to you today regarding the impact of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), and more specifically the Renewable Identification Number (RIN) market, on an employer in my district.

I applaud the RFS program, and the work that the EPA has done to promote the use of biodiesel and other renewable fuels. The program has been instrumental in expanding America's renewable energy network and lowering costs for consumers at the pump. However, instability in the RIN market has created challenging economic situations for some independent refineries, leaving many workers concerned about the security of their jobs.

As you're aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has weighed heavily on many American industries. From travel to dining, few areas of our economy have been left unscathed. Small oil and gas refiners have been particularly hard hit as demand for fuels plummeted due to decreased travel. Further, policies under the last Administrator exacerbated the already dire situation for many merchant refiners at a time when the industry was least prepared to deal with additional financial stress. This has left many of America's small refiners struggling to meet their RFS requirements. In my district, Monroe Energy's Trainer Facility is one such merchant refiner. Located in Southeast Pennsylvania, this refinery provides hundreds of full-time and hundreds more part-time jobs to folks in and around my district. The instability in the price of RINs has introduced uncertainty into Monroe Energy's financial future and threatens the jobs of those they employ.

I urge EPA to consider providing greater flexibility to Monroe Energy in meeting their RFS requirements and to intervene to provide more certainty to RIN market pricing. Allowing

merchant refiners more time to meet these obligations will go a long way to ensuring these companies can continue to provide their vital service.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Gay Scanlon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Scanlon" being clearly legible.

Mary Gay Scanlon
Member of Congress, PA-05