

February 23, 2016

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Dear Mr. Chairman and Madam Ranking Member:

The signatories of this letter represent the overwhelming majority of sales of motor fuels to consumers in the United States. All of these groups urge you to reject proposals to alter the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) in a manner which would make entities which neither manufacture nor import motor fuels in the United States the “obligated party” as that term is used in the RFS.

These groups’ reasons for objecting to such proposals are set forth in the comments which are attached to this letter. As noted in these comments, non-manufacturers and importers have no control over the composition of the petroleum products with which renewable fuels must be blended in order to be sold as motor fuels. In stark contrast, manufacturers and importers of motor fuels have control over not only the composition of the products they sell, but also the terms upon which they sell them. These facts indicate that it is the manufacturers and importers of motor fuels which are in the best position to achieve the requirements of the RFS.

The undersigned appreciate your interest in this issue and would be happy to provide any additional information which you or your staffs might require.

Sincerely,

National Association of Convenience Stores
NATSO, Representing America’s Travel Centers and Truckstops
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America



Attachment.