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Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API) and American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), we write to express our joint opposition to legislation that would extend the One-Pound Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver to E15 fuel. Information has been recently distributed erroneously suggesting that our organizations support the waiver. We do not.

E15 is not suitable for most engines and may harm consumers. Indeed, testing conducted by the Coordinating Research Council (CRC) demonstrated engine and fuel system durability problems associated with E15. For this reason, we do not support legislative efforts aimed at forcing more of the fuel into the marketplace, particularly given Congress's failure to address the underlying problems with the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Some in the ethanol lobby misrepresent comments we provided to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2011. Those comments preceded the results of the CRC testing on E15. Because those results provided essential information on E15's impact to engine and fuel system durability, API and AFPM oppose extending the one-pound RVP waiver to this fuel. In joint comments from July 2013, API and AFPM noted that, "EPA considered this issue fully in that proposal and stated that the 1 psi waiver does 'not apply to blends above or below the range of 9-10vol%.'" More recently, in a joint letter to EPA in April 2015, we stated that, "Both the EPA regulations and the CAA [Clean Air Act] could not be clearer. As EPA has consistently recognized, E15 does not qualify for the one pound waiver and must meet the summertime RVP requirements to be legally sold."

We appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight on our opposition to the RVP waiver for E15 fuel. The RFS is broken, and our organizations stand ready to partner with you on significant reform of the RFS. Accordingly, we encourage you to take up and pass the bipartisan *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016* (H.R. 5180), which would provide relief from the blend wall and protect American motorists, vehicles, and infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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