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**STATEMENT REGARDING POINT OF OBLIGATION POSITION**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.-Illinois Renewable Fuels Association President Raymond E. Defenbaugh issued the following statement regarding talk in the industry that the Point of Obligation under the Renewable Fuel Standard Renewable Volume Obligation may be changed.

"The Illinois Renewable Fuels Association strongly opposes any effort to change the Point of Obligation as established by the U.S. EPA under the current Renewable Fuel Standard.

"Our position is consistent with that of the EPA as indicated in their November 2016 decision to deny merchant oil refiner petitions to move the compliance point of the Renewable Fuel Standard downstream to gasoline blenders and distributors of gasoline and diesel from the current point of refiners and importers. EPA's own analysis of the request concluded that it would not increase the effectiveness of the RFS, and we agree."

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