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Washington, DC 20548

January 10, 2020

Congressional Requesters:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to the approval of small refinery exemption waivers under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), including the Department of Energy's (DOE) viability scores for the 40 small refinery waivers reviewed by the DOE for the 2018 compliance year.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact your staff to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or gaffiganm@gao.gov, or Mr. Chuck Wilson, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations on my staff at 202-512-6891 or WilsonCE@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown".

Orice Williams Brown
Managing Director
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Attachment

Ref: CCAR 19-1396

Attachment: List of Requesters

The Honorable Abby Finkenauer
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Rural Development,
Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship
Committee on Small Business
House of Representatives

The Honorable Cindy Axne
House of Representatives

The Honorable Don Bacon
House of Representatives

The Honorable Mike Bost
House of Representatives

The Honorable Cheri Bustos
House of Representatives

The Honorable Rodney Davis
House of Representatives

The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
House of Representatives

The Honorable Darin LaHood
House of Representatives

The Honorable Dave Loebsack
House of Representatives

The Honorable Dusty Johnson
House of Representatives

The Honorable Roger Marshall
House of Representatives

The Honorable Collin Peterson
House of Representatives