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FAJC Statement on the Confirmation of Lee Zeldin as EPA Administrator

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Fueling American Jobs Coalition released the following statement on the Senate confirmation of former Congressman Lee Zeldin to serve as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

"At the helm of EPA, Administrator Zeldin has a great opportunity to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard, the outdated and broken ethanol mandate that has devastated our nation's domestic refining capacity. In recent years, the RFS has contributed to independent refinery closures across the country, eliminating high-quality, family-sustaining employment for hundreds of thousands of hardworking men and women, and it has increased fuel prices for all Americans. As a veteran and Army lieutenant colonel, Administrator Zeldin understands how America's domestic refining capacity and energy independence are inextricably linked to our national security and economic prosperity. We look forward to working with him to support commonsense reforms to the outdated and overly burdensome RFS and giving America's independent refinery workers hope for a stronger, more prosperous future."

The Fueling American Jobs Coalition is a coalition of union workers and independent American oil refiners fighting for a commonsense fix to the EPA's flawed Renewable Fuel Standard. The need for significant reform has only grown over the past few years as the cost of purchasing Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) to comply with the RFS has grown increasingly volatile, threatening some refiners' survival. For additional information, visit <u>www.fuelingusjobs.com</u>.

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