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The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Office of the Administrator, 1101A  
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Insufficient Supply of Gasoline – Oklahoma

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing today to encourage you to *delay the repeal of the 1-psi Reid vapor pressure (RVP) waiver for E10 summertime gasoline which contains 10% ethanol by volume until April 2025.*

EPA's proposed rule<sup>1</sup> currently includes an effective date of April 2024 for such action. I am not one of the eight governors who petitioned EPA to eliminate the RVP waiver for E10 in the summer months. Your approval of such a significant fuel specification change would negatively impact gasoline supply throughout multiple states including Oklahoma.

The proposed rule would require significant volumes of two new grades of gasoline. These new grades are more expensive to produce and reduce pipeline transportation efficiencies. Because a portion of the new, special grades of gasoline would originate on the Gulf Coast and would be transported and stored in Oklahoma, EPA's action to eliminate the 1-psi RVP waiver in April 2024 creates the need for refinery and other midstream investments which take a minimum of two years for completion. This will result in an insufficient supply of gasoline, and add to the cost of gasoline at the pump for unsuspecting Oklahoma motorists. Our national average gasoline price is at a 10-month high, Americans don't need higher fuel prices.

An eight-state "Band-Aid" for a nationwide issue is the wrong answer. I support a Congressional solution to this issue that is agreeable to petroleum, agricultural and other key stakeholders. I encourage EPA to delay acting to eliminate the E10 waiver until April 2025 which allows a realistic timeframe for a Congressional solution to materialize.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Kevin Stitt", written over a horizontal line.

J. Kevin Stitt  
Governor of Oklahoma

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CC: Joe Goffinan, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator  
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