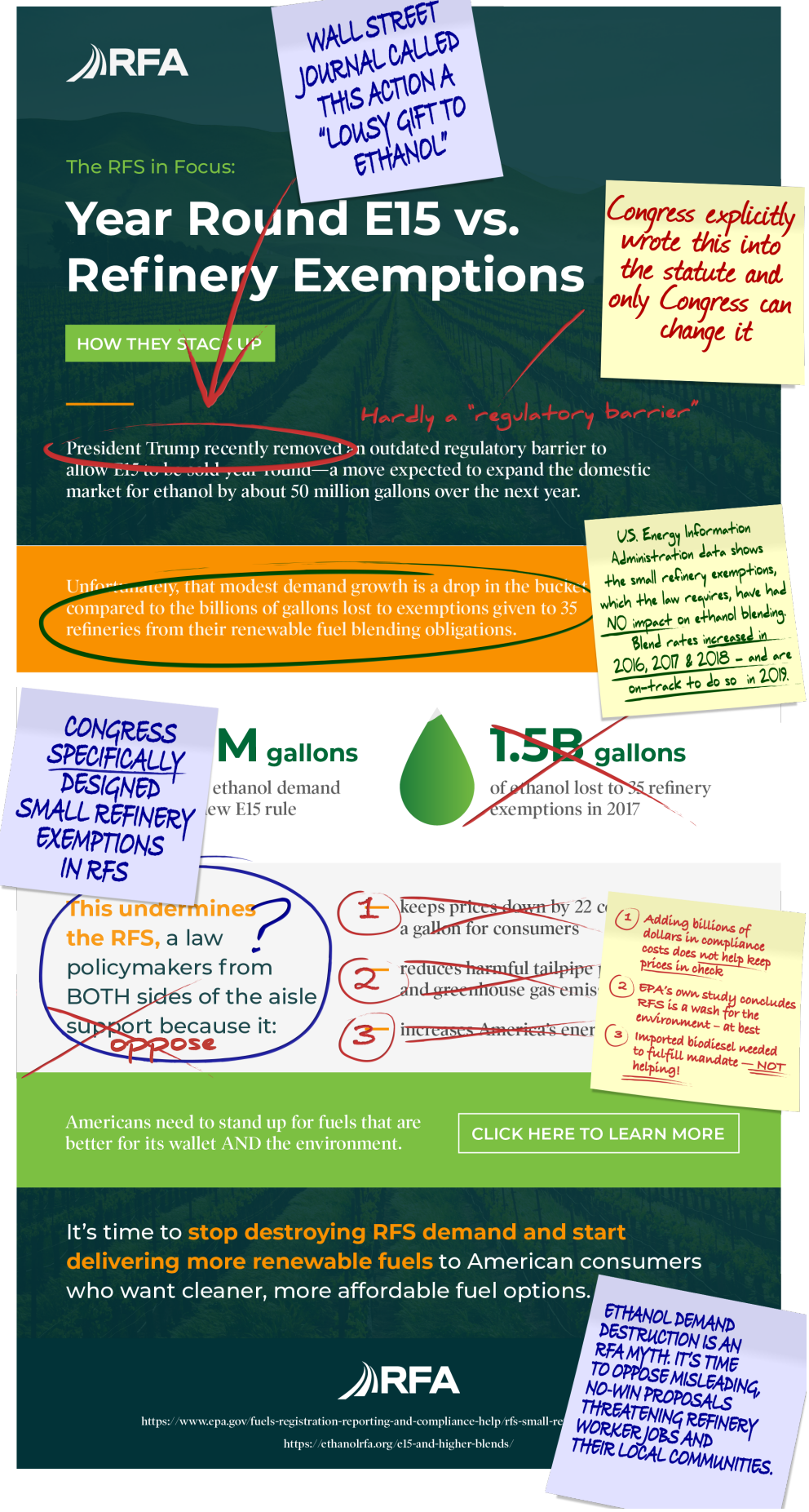
The Renewable Fuels Association has issued a carefully worded advertisement, omitting or mischaracterizing critical details about the fuel market and the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), as well as about the Small Refinery Exemptions (SRE) designed by Congress as a required component of the RFS. AFPM’s fact check sheds light on several key details the RFA ad got wrong:


RFA
WALL STREET JOURNAL CALLED THIS ACTION A "LOUSY GIFT TO ETHANOL"
The RFS in Focus:
Year Round E15 vs. Refinery Exemptions
HOW THEY STACK UP
Congress explicitly wrote this into the statute and only Congress can change it
Hardly a "regulatory barrier"
President Trump recently removed an outdated regulatory barrier to allow E15 to be sold year round—a move expected to expand the domestic market for ethanol by about 50 million gallons over the next year.
Unfortunately, that modest demand growth is a drop in the bucket compared to the billions of gallons lost to exemptions given to 35 refineries from their renewable fuel blending obligations.
U.S. Energy Information Administration data shows the small refinery exemptions, which the law requires, have had NO impact on ethanol blending. Blend rates increased in 2016, 2017 & 2018 – and are on-track to do so in 2019.
CONGRESS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED SMALL REFINERY EXEMPTIONS IN RFS
M gallons
ethanol demand
ew E15 rule
1.5B gallons
of ethanol lost to 35 refinery exemptions in 2017
This undermines the RFS, a law policymakers from BOTH sides of the aisle support because it:
oppose
1 keeps prices down by 22 c a gallon for consumers
2 reduces harmful tailpipe and greenhouse gas emis
3 increases America's ener
1 Adding billions of dollars in compliance costs does not help keep prices in check
2 EPA's own study concludes RFS is a wash for the environment – at best
3 Imported biodiesel needed to fulfill mandate – NOT helping!
Americans need to stand up for fuels that are better for its wallet AND the environment.
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
It's time to stop destroying RFS demand and start delivering more renewable fuels to American consumers who want cleaner, more affordable fuel options.
RFA
https://www.epa.gov/fuels-registration-reporting-and-compliance-help/rfs-small-re
https://ethanolrfa.org/e15-and-higher-blends/
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