WASHINGTON, D.C. – AFPM President and CEO Chet Thompson today issued the following statement in response to the Trump Administration's decision not to appeal the 10th Circuit ruling that would effectively end the small refinery relief program established by Congress under the Renewable Fuel Standard:

It is astonishing that President Trump has abandoned our country's small refinery workers and the communities that rely on these critical facilities in this time of national crisis and economic uncertainty. It's beyond us why the President is once again trying to appease a biofuel industry that time and again has demonstrated it cannot be satisfied and always believes it is entitled to more.

The decision not to appeal a ruling that says small refineries struggling to pay for RFS compliance should simply "exit the market" betrays President Trump's promise to U.S. manufacturers and undermines his energy dominance agenda. We are nevertheless optimistic this flawed decision will be overturned, and in the meantime will press ahead with every other tool at our disposal to reform the broken RFS program.

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