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Darrell Feil Comments

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Greetings,

My name is Darrell Feil. I am the Owner of Abate-A-Weed in Bakersfield, California and the former Chair of the National Federation of Independent Business. We are a small 22-person company that provides weed and insect control for industrial, commercial, and residential properties in Kern County. As a small business owner, the price of fuel is always a concern, and I fear that this rule will do more harm than good. I am not involved in the fuel trading market, but I know that more regulation, more paperwork, and more administrative burdens disproportionally impact the smaller players. As things get more expensive for these smaller players, I know they will not be able to compete with the more established refiners and, as a result, will not be able to deliver gas to the rural and independent stations I rely on. This will only raise my costs.

At the very least, I do not understand why this rule is being pushed through so quickly. There is no emergency today, and you have not provided enough time for the public to understand what you are doing and provide additional perspectives. I fear that the rule is not well thought-out and ask that you press pause until the market participants are able to weigh in.

Sincerely,

Darrell Feil Owner Abate-A-Weed