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Governor Jay Inslee
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Re: COVID-19 Emergency Response in Washington – RVP Waiver

Honorable Governor Inslee:

On behalf of the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) and Washington Oil Marketers Association (WOMA), we are writing you today in response to the COVID-19 emergency response in Washington. WSPA and WOMA are two separate nonprofit trade associations that represent a large portion of the state's transportation fuel supply, including refining, wholesale and distribution.

We would like to again thank you for the strong leadership and ongoing communications from your team. It is greatly appreciated. Consistent with your efforts, our members recognize our role as critical infrastructure and the importance of maintaining dialogue with you and your team.

Due to the COVID-19 public health threat and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's directive to limit travel, there is an oversupply of fuel meeting winter season volatility requirements. Under federal and state law, the volatility must transition to summer standards for specifications on April 1 and May 1. The unexpected oversupply of higher volatility fuel is occupying bulk fuel storage systems, and in many cases preventing distributors from being able to shift their supplies to the lower volatility fuel. Our industry is concerned that the current extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstance will prevent distribution of season appropriate fuel and may result in supply disruption to consumers.

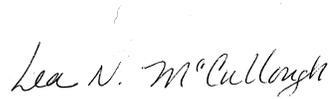
Therefore, WSPA and WOMA respectfully request that Washington Department of Ecology and Department of Agriculture issue a waiver or emergency rule to waive the ASTM/RVP requirements covering the fuel distribution system from April 1 through May 31, 2020, to help ensure consumers will have adequate fuel supplies moving forward.

We continue to monitor the supply situation and note that we may need additional flexibility through June as volatility requirements make another step change (wholesale and RVP at retail).

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We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me on how we can be helpful in the next steps of your consideration for this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine A. Boyd".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea N. McCullough".

cc: Energy Emergency Management Director