



**Sen. Shaheen Leads New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to Send Letter to EPA Urging Processing of Electric RINs**

*Eighth Congressional Letter in Two Years Calls for the EPA to Act on the Electricity Pathway*

Washington, DC – November 1, 2019 – Yesterday, the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, led by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, [sent a letter](#) to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Acting Assistant Administrator Anne Idsal urging the EPA “once more to include electricity in the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program in time for electricity producers to participate in the 2020 market.” Copied on the letter were key officials in the White House and at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The delegation, which includes Sen. Maggie Hassan, Rep. Ann Kuster and Rep. Chris Pappas, noted the adverse effects of the EPA continuing to ignore the Congressional mandate to include electricity in the RFS, writing: “Failing to include electricity has had, and will continue to have, dire consequences for electricity producers who cannot participate in the program and the supply chains that rely on them. Biomass, biogas and waste-to-energy producers are making biofuels available for transportation but are receiving no credit under the RFS for doing so. This puts rural jobs and local government infrastructure at risk in vital sectors of our economy, including farming, forestry, logging and waste-to-energy.”

“We are tremendously grateful to Sen. Shaheen, Sen. Hassan, Rep. Kuster and Rep. Pappas for continuing to shed light on the EPA’s failure to include electricity in its RFS program,” said Bob Cleaves, president and CEO of Biomass Power Association, one of three founding organizations of the RFS Power Coalition. “Unfortunately, New Hampshire has firsthand experience in biomass plant shutdowns as a result of the EPA’s abdication of its duty to process eRIN pathways and applications. As of today, it’s been 11 years and 317 days since Congress passed RFS2, which included electricity.”

“New Hampshire farmers who use waste efficiently in a grid-connected anaerobic digester should not be denied the opportunity to participate in the RFS,” said Patrick Serfass, executive director of American Biogas Council. “Thank you to Sen. Shaheen and the New Hampshire delegation for fighting for your constituents by urging the EPA to act on this issue.”

“We appreciate Sen. Shaheen, Sen. Hassan, Rep. Kuster and Rep. Pappas for keeping front and center the EPA’s egregious failure to include electricity in the RFS,” said Ted Michaels, president of the Energy Recovery Council. “The ability to generate eRINs would ensure a return on investment for local governments in New England and across the country.”

This letter is the eighth letter in two years sent to the EPA urging action on eRINs. To date, more than 50 Senators and Representatives have demanded that the EPA fulfill its obligation to include electricity in the RFS.

### **About the RFS Power Coalition**

The RFS Power Coalition is a group of organizations dedicated to activating the renewable electricity pathway of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The Coalition is led by the [Biomass Power Association](#), [American Biogas Council](#) and [Energy Recovery Council](#), the trade associations that represent, respectively, domestic biomass power producers who use organic fuels like forest residues, biogas-to-electricity producers like dairy farmers and wastewater treatment facilities, and waste-to-energy producers. All three fuels – biomass, biogas and biogenic waste – qualify as renewable transportation fuels that should be included in the D3 cellulosic and D5 advanced fuel categories of the RFS. <https://rfspower.com>