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Mr. Red Cavaney
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Petroleum Institute
1220L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Cavaney:

We have been advised that temporary, localized gasoline supply disruptions may be developing in certain markets as a result of unusual consumer demand for gasoline due to the recent events in Washington and New York. In addition, new security limitations imposed by the Coast Guard in some ports may have resulted in docking and unloading delays for some ships transporting gasoline.

While overall summer gasoline supplies are more than sufficient to meet national demand, additional supplies of winter grade gasoline are in storage for use after the summer gasoline season ends this Saturday. To ensure that there is no disruption in supply I am hereby authorizing the immediate sale of winter grade gasoline where the terminal exhausts its supply of summer grade gasoline. I trust you will utilize this enforcement discretion responsibly. If you have any questions please contact Mr. George Lawrence at 202–564-1307.

Sincerely,

Sylvia K. Lowrance
Acting Assistant Administrator

cc: Mr. Urvan Sternfels, President
National Petrochemical & Refiners Association