



**RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. EPA TO ADOPT RULES ADDRESSING
PROBLEMS IMPACTING MINORITY CONSUMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN
THE RINs MARKET**

Committee: Energy

Resolution: ENE-17-04

1. **WHEREAS**, Congress adopted a renewable fuel standard in 2005, and expanded it in
2. 2007, to put more biofuels in the U.S. market in order to improve the environment and
3. energy security; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the current method the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has chosen
5. to demonstrate compliance with that standard has caused both excessive Wall Street
6. speculation and fraud in the market for renewable fuels, endangering the very purpose of
7. the program; and
8. **WHEREAS**, adverse impacts on refining related to these implementation problems
9. endanger gasoline supply and price, creating substantial unequal impacts for consumers
10. living on fixed incomes and in communities of color; and
11. **WHEREAS**, these implementation problems also create competitive disadvantages for
12. small gasoline retailers and convenience stores with large numbers of minority owners;
13. and
14. **WHEREAS**, a simple administrative change to the program moving the point of
15. obligation for providing renewable identification numbers, or RINs, downstream could

16. fix the problem for gasoline consumers and small businesses;
17. **THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative
18. Women (NOBEL Women) that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency should adopt
 - a
19. rule to address problems in the RINs market by moving the point of obligation in order to
20. eliminate incentives for excessive speculation and fraud.

Introduced by: Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter (SC)