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### **Reformulated gasoline decision welcome relief to Baton Rouge**

(Washington, D.C.) — Today, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals signed an order granting the Baton Rouge area a voluntary remand and stay from the implementation of reformulated gasoline from the Environmental Protection Agency. This stay will remain in place while the EPA reconsiders its decision to require reformulated gas for the Baton Rouge, which may take several months.

U.S. Rep. David Vitter joined members of the Louisiana congressional delegation in requesting relief from the EPA implementation of reformulated gas in March. The Chamber of Greater Baton Rouge and others filed lawsuits in May with federal and state courts to stop the fuel conversion, scheduled to go into effect in June.

In response, Vitter released the following statement:

“Because of the negative impact the reformulated gas would have on local jobs and prices at the gas pump, I’ve been working with Congressman Baker, the Chamber and others to advocate for a waiver from the EPA on the reformulated gas requirement.”

“Today’s decision by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit is a victory for Baton Rouge small businesses and families at the gas pump. I continue to support cleaner air in Baton Rouge, but I don’t think the EPA plan is the right way to achieve this goal.”

“I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Louisiana delegation to find a better plan to make cleaner air in Baton Rouge. We have too much at stake not to pursue every possible avenue.”