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Dear Automaker:

We, the undersigned lawmakers, are writing to urge the auto industry to lead the way to a greener, healthier and more prosperous future by supporting the current fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards (clean car standards) and shifting cars and trucks away from their dependence on oil. These existing standards already are producing the cleanest and safest vehicles Americans have ever driven, while slashing climate pollution, protecting public health, creating local jobs, keeping auto manufacturers competitive in the global marketplace, and saving consumers more than \$70 billion at the gas pump in the process.¹

Specifically, we ask you to join us in publicly opposing the Trump administration's proposal to roll back vehicle fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards and cease lobbying for "flexibilities" that would lead to more pollution and higher bills at the gas pump. We also ask you to remove yourself as parties (As members of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers) to the lawsuit challenging the midterm review as finalized by the Trump administration.

Preliminary analyses indicate that the administration's proposal will result in an additional 2.2 billion metric tons of global warming emissions by 2040.² Increasing emissions at a time when scientists are warning us that we must do everything we can to prevent the worst impacts of climate change, is a reckless U-turn that poses a grave threat to the health and future of the constituents we were elected to serve. What's more, in exchange for increased pollution, Americans will face increased expenses at the gas pump—up to \$500 more each year.³ The clean car standards yield savings for everyone, but they are especially important for low-income Americans who spend a greater proportion of their income on gasoline.

Beyond costing customers hundreds of billions of dollars more at the pump, the Trump administration's own analysis found this proposal would cost at least 60,000 jobs. This number fails to account for the cost of ceding innovation and technology leadership to other countries. Europe and China are moving forward aggressively with both standards and technology advances; weakening our standards would make you uncompetitive. This proposal threatens not only these American jobs, but our ingenuity and competitiveness globally.

The proposed rollback also directly attacks our states' authority to protect our citizens by proposing to revoke the right of states to put in place stronger safeguards to address harmful air pollution from vehicles. This directly threatens the 118 million people living in our states and assails the Clean Air Act's longstanding recognition of state leadership on clean cars.

¹ Union of Concerned Scientists <https://www.ucsusa.org/clean-vehicles/fuel-economy-ticker#.W-8RwrFKiUk>

² Union of Concerned Scientists <https://blog.ucsusa.org/dave-cooke/new-epa-administrator-same-bad-idea-car-standard-rollbacks-would-be-awful>

³ Environmental Defense Fund <https://www.edf.org/media/new-analysis-americans-all-fifty-states-save-hard-earned-money-clean-car-standards>

The administration's rollback of the clean car standards constitutes an unwarranted attack on our constituents and their pocketbooks, environment, health and livelihoods. The public relies on all of us to make decisions that protect our shared future. With so much at stake, now is not the time to turn back the clock on progress. We urge you to stand with us and oppose the proposed rollback of the clean car standards.

Sincerely,

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