

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 16, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

The undersigned members of Congress write in support of the model of cooperative federalism embodied in the Clean Air Act to set strong air pollution standards to protect air quality, improve public health, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As you know, the Clean Air Act allows California to set air pollution standards for new motor vehicles that are stronger than federal standards, provided that the Environmental Protection Agency grants a waiver from the Act's preemption provision (EPA has granted such waivers over 100 times since 1967). The Act further provides that other states may adopt the higher California standards as their own, which twelve states and the District of Columbia have all done. Taken together, these states represent about 35 percent of the United States population and 1 in 3 cars sold in America.

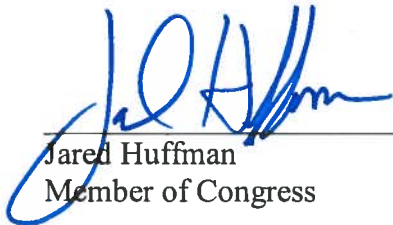
This is a classic example of federal-state cooperation that has produced positive results in California and other states. Car manufacturers have responded by innovating and bringing new technologies and ever-cleaner vehicles to market, including Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and Partial ZEVs. Thanks to these high standards, many states have significantly reduced pollutants that cause health-threatening smog and soot, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to help combat climate change.

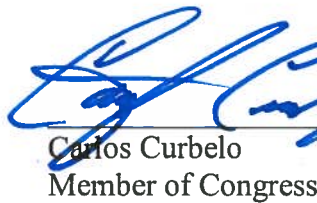
We are disappointed that President Trump has chosen not to press forward with strong federal standards and instead rescind EPA's final determination that was made on January 12, 2017, which was based on sound science and evaluation. We acknowledge your comments at the House Appropriations Committee hearing on June 15, 2017; however, if the administration is unwilling to support stronger federal fuel efficiency and emission standards, it is more important than ever that states be allowed to continue driving innovation, consumer choice, and environmental and public health improvements through strong state standards. States should decide for themselves if they want to follow California's lead or not.

Under the current EPA waiver, states can do just that, and we believe that states who adopt these standards should be allowed to keep them. The purpose of this letter is to convey our strong bipartisan request that you adhere to prior EPA waiver decisions, and that you provide us with your assurance that the Clean Air Act's successful model of cooperative federalism will continue to be honored. In addition, should states seek to raise vehicle emission standards in the future as currently allowed under the Clean Air Act, we would urge you to evaluate any waiver requests on the merits and in compliance with federal law and longstanding precedent.

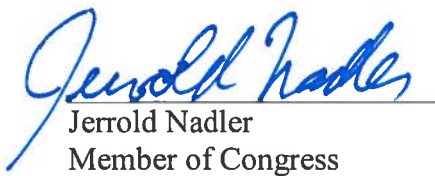
We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Jared Huffman
Member of Congress


Carlos Curbelo
Member of Congress


William R. Keating
Member of Congress


Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress


Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress


Grace F. Napolitano
Member of Congress

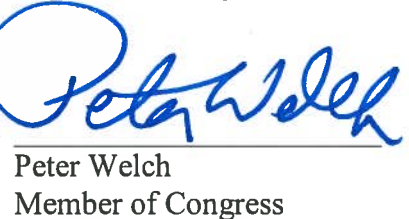

David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress

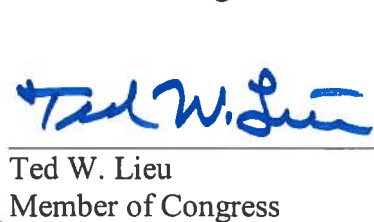

Mike Thompson
Member of Congress


Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress


Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress

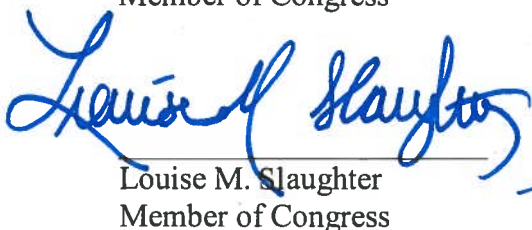

James R. Langevin
Member of Congress

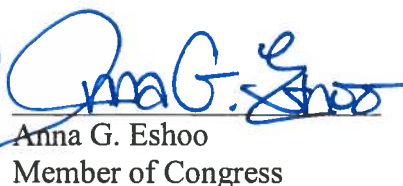

Peter Welch
Member of Congress


Ted W. Lieu
Member of Congress


Pramila Jayapal
Member of Congress


Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress


Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress


Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress


Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress

Jackie Speier
Member of Congress

Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress

Nanette Diaz Barragán
Member of Congress

Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress

Jim Himes
Member of Congress

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress

Niki Tsongas
Member of Congress

Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

Salud O. Carbajal
Member of Congress

Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress

Judy Chu
Member of Congress

Susan A. Davis
Member of Congress

Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress

Doris Matsui
Member of Congress

Norma J. Torres
Member of Congress

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress

Carol Shea-Porter

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress

Jared Polis

Jared Polis
Member of Congress

Donald S. Beyer Jr.

Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress

John Sarbanes

John Sarbanes
Member of Congress

Katherine Clark

Katherine Clark
Member of Congress

Mike Coffman
Member of Congress

Maxine Waters

Maxine Waters
Member of Congress

Adam Smith

Adam Smith
Member of Congress

Joseph P. Kennedy, III

Joseph P. Kennedy, III
Member of Congress

Keith Ellison

Keith Ellison
Member of Congress

Ro Khanna

Ro Khanna
Member of Congress

Mark Takano

Mark Takano
Member of Congress

Seth Moulton

Seth Moulton
Member of Congress

Michael E. Capuano

Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress

Scott H. Peters

Scott H. Peters
Member of Congress

Stephen F. Lynch

Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress

Tony Cárdenas

Tony Cárdenas
Member of Congress

Adam B. Schiff

Adam B. Schiff
Member of Congress

Grace Meng

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

Elijah E. Cummings

Elijah E. Cummings
Member of Congress

Adriano Espaillat

Adriano Espaillat
Member of Congress

Richard E. Neal

Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress

Dwight Evans

Dwight Evans
Member of Congress

Jerry McNerney

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress



C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress



Rick Larsen
Member of Congress



Kathleen M. Rice
Member of Congress



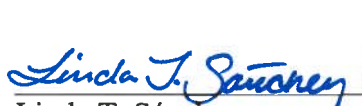
Paul Tonko
Member of Congress



Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress



Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress



Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress



Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress



Robert A. Brady
Member of Congress



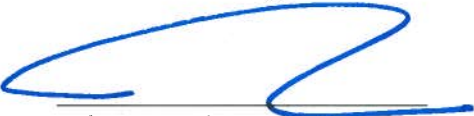
Michael F. Doyle
Member of Congress



Denny Heck
Member of Congress



Derek Kilmer
Member of Congress



John K. Delaney
Member of Congress