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**Statement from Former US EPA Administrator William K. Reilly
on California's Announcement Today That it Will Sue the EPA**

"It has long been settled practice for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to grant California waivers to lead in clean air. In fact, I granted nine waivers in my four years as EPA Administrator. Once the US Supreme Court declared carbon dioxide a pollutant, EPA has the authority to regulate under the Clean Air Act. I see no reasonable ground for not letting California move forward, preparing the way for the nation eventually to follow. America's history of clean air regulation has always allowed California to lead, and it is attempting to do so again."

William K. Reilly was the USEPA Administrator from 1989 to 1993