



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

April 25, 2007

The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW – Mail Code 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Regulations to Control Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Motor Vehicles;
Request for Waiver of Preemption under Clean Air Act Section 209(b),
DOCKET ID EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0173

Dear Mr. Administrator:

I am writing to strongly support California's continued and now long delayed request for a waiver under Clean Air Act section 209(b) (42 U.S.C. § 7543(b)) for California's greenhouse gas emission standards for new cars and light trucks.

As you may know, Oregon is one of many states that have exercised their option under Clean Air Act Section 177 to adopt California's motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards as their own. This is because Oregon has a vital interest in reducing global warming emissions from vehicular and other sources in our state. The need for action is no longer in dispute, as again confirmed recently by the world's scientists. See Summary for Policy for Policymakers, IPPC WGI Fourth Assessment Report, available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/SPM2feb07.pdf>.

California's December 21, 2005 waiver submittal provided a solid demonstration that its greenhouse gas emission standards meet relevant waiver criteria. See http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/docs/att2_support.pdf. The recent *Massachusetts v. EPA* (2007) ___ U.S. ___ [127 S.Ct. 1438, 75 U.S.L.W. 4149] decision only strengthens that demonstration. California has submitted a schedule under which U.S. EPA – which has not even noticed a hearing in the 16 months since the request – can and should grant the waiver within 180 days. We urge you to take notice of the California Air Resources Board's recent letter noticing its intent to file an unreasonable delay suit if U.S. EPA fails to take final agency action during that time period.

Please enter this letter in the subject docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore R. Kulongoski".

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