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GOVERNORS CALL ON AUTO INDUSTRY TO WORK TOWARD CLEAN CARS Suggest Partnership to Reduce Greenhouse Gases, Withdraw Legal Challenge

Thirteen governors from across the United States today sent a letter to automotive corporations asking the industry to support the governors' commitment to address climate change.

"The public is demanding that states, in the absence of federal action, take real and meaningful steps to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases," the governors wrote in the letter. "Ensuring that our automobiles have a lower carbon footprint is an essential piece of our greenhouse gas reduction strategy."

The letter went further to explain that the United States passenger vehicle/light duty truck sector is second only to the electricity sector in the amount of greenhouse gases emitted. California was the first state to adopt clean tailpipe standards, followed by 11 other states, leading to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 74 million metric tons by 2020.

The 13 governors asked the automotive leaders to withdraw the legal challenges to clean vehicle standards and work with the states to reverse the threat of global warming. "We do not believe it is productive for your industry to continue to fight state implementation of clean tailpipe standards," the governors said. "We would prefer to follow a path that encourages innovation not litigation."

"Your companies are on record as supporting efforts to combat climate change," remarked the governors. "Selling cars that meet the clean car standards is a major step in fulfilling your commitment. It is time for us to work together to reduce the transportation sector's contributions to global warming in our states and provinces."

States involved include: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah and Washington. Five Canadian provinces have also committed to adopting these standards.

A copy of the letter from the governors is attached.



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Dear Sirs:

The impact of global warming presents a grave threat to public health, natural resources and our economy. The public is demanding that states, in the absence of federal action, take real and meaningful steps to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Ensuring that our automobiles have a lower carbon footprint is an essential piece of our greenhouse gas reduction strategy.

In the United States, the passenger vehicle/light duty truck sector is second only to the electricity sector in the amount of greenhouse gases emitted. In some of our states, including California, the transportation sector is the largest source of emissions. This is why the clean tailpipe standards first adopted by California are already in place in 11 other states. Taken together, these states represent 35 percent of the United States' population. Implementation of clean tailpipe standards in these states will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 74 million metric tons by 2020. Adoption is under consideration by additional states, which will add substantial emission reductions.

Five Canadian provinces have also committed to adopting these standards in recognition of the fact that they are a critical component in addressing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.

In the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Massachusetts vs. EPA*, the Court found that EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gases and that authority is wholly independent of the U.S. Department of Transportation's authority to promote energy efficiency through the setting of vehicle

mileage standards. The Court also held that EPA must exercise that authority if it finds that greenhouse gases may reasonably be anticipated to endanger health or welfare.

In light of this decision, we do not believe it is productive for your industry to continue to fight state implementation of clean tailpipe standards. As Governors committed to addressing the issue of climate change, we ask that you withdraw your legal challenges to clean vehicle standards and begin working with us to meet our joint obligations to begin reversing the threat of global warming

We would prefer to follow a path that encourages innovation not litigation. You manufacture and sell the automobiles used by the vast majority of drivers in the United States and Canada. You are building and selling clean vehicles in Europe and Japan. It is clear to us that there is a bottom-line upside to this approach. For example, the Ford Escape hybrid was voted North American Truck of the Year in 2005.

Your companies are on record as supporting efforts to combat climate change. Selling cars that meet the clean car standards is a major step in fulfilling your commitment. It is time for us to work together to reduce the transportation sector's contributions to global warming in our states and provinces. In this spirit, we stand ready to meet with you to establish a basis for partnership rather than litigation as we work to meet our joint obligations to reverse global warming.

Sincerely,



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Governor of California



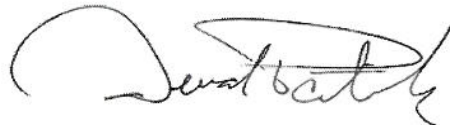
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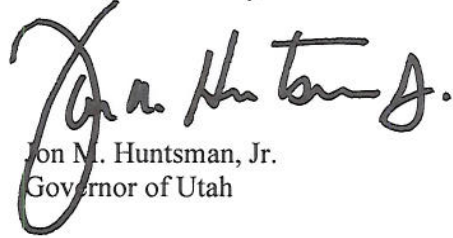
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