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Obama to adopt California's tough GHG standards for automobiles *Sponsors of original California law to attend DC ceremony*

Los Angeles, May 18, 2009 – On the eve of President Barack Obama's expected announcement tomorrow that the United States will adopt California's landmark tailpipe emissions requirements, California environmental advocates and sponsors of the original state legislation are cheering. Tomorrow's announcement promises to resolve a long-running conflict among states, the federal government and auto manufacturers.

The Coalition for Clean Air (CCA) was one of the original co-sponsors of then Assemblymember Fran Pavley's legislation (AB 1493, 2002) requiring automobile manufacturers to reduce global warming pollution from their new vehicles. From the beginning CCA has been pushing for stricter emission standards and tomorrow will proudly be in DC applauding President Obama for his leadership.

Following is a statement from President & CEO Alberto B. Mendoza:

When the Coalition for Clean Air began working on this issue in 2001, our focus was on California. We knew then that clean cars had to be a part of our future – for our health, our economy and our environment. We know now that clean cars are Detroit's future as well as our future.

In 2001, we wanted to craft legislation that would be historic and would be embraced nationwide. Today we are witnessing that history in the making, and we applaud President Obama for his leadership on this complex issue.

We are honored to be part of this historical moment as it serves as another example of California leading the way for stronger national environmental policy.

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For more than 35 years, the nonprofit Coalition for Clean Air has been committed to restoring clean air to California. With offices in Sacramento, Los Angeles and Fresno, it is dedicated to strengthening the environmental movement by promoting broad-based community involvement, advocating responsible public policy and providing technical expertise.