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**Supreme Court Rebukes Bush Administration Inaction on Global Warming**  
*Court Rules 5-4 in Landmark Decision*

Washington, DC—In a landmark decision in one of the most important environmental cases ever heard by the Supreme Court, the Court ruled today that the Clean Air Act gives the U.S. EPA the authority to regulate carbon dioxide and other global warming pollutants from cars.

“This decision is a major turning point in our nation’s fight to protect future generations from global warming. For six years, the Bush administration has toed the oil, coal, and auto industry line on global warming, but this is their day of reckoning, said Emily Figdor, Clean Air & Energy Advocate for U.S. PIRG, a petitioner in the case. “We can now finally start to put the many solutions we have at our finger tips to use in fighting global warming,” she continued.

The Court ordered the U.S. EPA to reconsider its decision not to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from cars. In the meantime, the ruling will have major implications for rules to reduce global warming pollution from cars in California and nine other states. Under the Clean Air Act, states may adopt California’s tailpipe emissions standards in lieu of minimum federal standards. Nine states have adopted California’s standards to reduce fleet-wide global warming emissions from new vehicles by 25 percent in model year 2009, rising to 30 percent in model year 2016.

“The Bush administration should immediately give California and other states the green light to put their clean cars programs into effect. Any delay is completely unjustified given today’s ruling,” said Figdor.

U.S. PIRG is a petitioner in the case, along with a coalition of states, cities, and environmental organizations. For a complete list of the petitioners and other documents related to the case, go to [www.cleancarscampaign.org](http://www.cleancarscampaign.org) and click on “Court Action.”

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