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## OBAMA DECISION IS BIGGEST SINGLE STEP TO FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING

“Keeping President Obama’s promise, today’s proposed clean car rule is the biggest single step the US has taken to curb global warming and our oil addiction. It demonstrates to the world that the United States is now confronting the threat of global warming. It shows that we can use the Clean Air Act and other existing laws to tackle the pollution spewing from vehicles and power plants.

“Controlling global warming pollution is auto mechanics, not rocket science. All automakers have the advanced technologies – engines, transmissions, high strength, lightweight materials and aerodynamics -- to safely achieve this new standard and to go beyond it.

“The devil is in the details. Detroit’s lobbyists have done their best to riddle this decision with credits and other loopholes. We urge the Administration to close these loopholes or implement an automatic backstop to ensure that the president’s promise of 35.5 mpg average vehicles in 2016 will be kept.”

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