



The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of more than 3.2 million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write in strong support of your regulatory reform agenda and the tremendous progress your administration has made in providing the much-needed relief from government intervention in our economy, removing significant barriers to opportunity for all Americans.

We applaud the recent action from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), sending a proposal for revised fuel economy standards to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review, following through with your administration's decision to reevaluate the hastily finalized Obama-era [greenhouse gas/fuel economy regulation](#).

We believe this is an important step to protect consumers and workers against government mandates that limit choice and make purchasing a car unaffordable for millions of Americans. Experts have [estimated](#) that between 3.1 million to 14.9 million households would not have enough credit to purchase a new car under the 2025 CAFE standards that your administration will be rightfully reevaluating. Access to a vehicle is crucial when it comes to Americans improving their lives; policies that restrict or limit that access undermine efforts to increase social mobility and prosperity in this country.

Opponents of your decision have claimed that under this administration the EPA acted arbitrarily and capriciously to overturn these rules. In fact, the agency is following the law with the initiation of a rulemaking comment process to adopt new standards based on new information regarding technology, compliance costs, fuel prices, consumer acceptance, job impacts, and other relevant factors.

Much of the drama surrounding the proposed rulemaking has come from the state of California threatening to impose stricter emissions standards than the federal government, which would undermine the relief that this new rule would provide to Americans. No state should be allowed to dictate to the rest of the country how to implement national public policy; allowing bureaucrats in Sacramento—or any other state—to set federal policy for the auto industry would be a costly mistake and Americans workers and consumer stand to lose because of it.

The government should not stand in the way of consumer choice and the ability for millions to purchase a vehicle that will allow them to travel, commute to work, and generally improve their lives. We at AFP applaud your administration's continued regulatory reform efforts as we seek to keep removing barriers to opportunities for millions of Americans, especially the least fortunate in our society.

Sincerely,

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