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The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to request that you use your visit to our state on Earth Day to announce that you will approve California's Clean Air Act waiver request to facilitate the implementation of our California Clean Car Law, which 11 other states have also adopted.

California has significant air pollution problems that impact the health and safety of millions of our residents. Temperature increases from global warming will increase air pollution problems, especially in the Central Valley and many southern California counties. For example, in Fresno one in every six students carries an inhaler to school because of asthma. That is why respected health organizations, including the California Medical Association, the American Lung Association of California, and the California Nurse's Association supported the passage of the law to reduce global warming pollution from automobiles.

We believe that the states must be able to exercise their right to set their own tough emission standards and lead the way in fighting climate change, especially in the face of federal inaction. This is not a partisan issue. Our Republican Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, has also formally requested that you grant this waiver, and has supported strong state actions to address this growing and accelerating threat to our state. As he recently wrote you: "Global Warming is a grave threat to California's water supply, our coastline, our environment, our economy and the public health of our citizens. ... Global Warming is likely worsening the severe weather that has caused so much damage of late in the United States."



As you visit the research and development facility for hydrogen powered cars in Sacramento, you could help California move forward on cleaner vehicles by announcing that you will grant our waiver. EPA has approved more than 30 waiver requests for California in the last four decades. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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