



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

April 10, 2006

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

California has a thirty-five year tradition of leadership in minimizing the amount of automobile pollution and striving for cleaner air for our citizens. The hallmarks of California's leadership have been progressively cleaner passenger vehicle technologies and well-crafted regulations that jointly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles. Presently, these regulations have been adopted by ten other states representing one-third of the country's motor vehicle market.

On December 21, 2005, the California Air Resources Board sent your Administration the attached letter and associated documents requesting a waiver of federal preemption of California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards. I am writing to reiterate the urgency of approving California's request to address global warming.

Beginning in model year 2009, the new standards will phase in and ramp up over eight years to cut global warming emissions nearly 30 percent by model year 2016. The standards can be met with technology already in the market and will save vehicle owners in lower maintenance and fuel costs over the lifetimes of the vehicle.

The Clean Air Act expressly recognizes California's right to set its own vehicle emission standards, and the right of other states to adopt those standards. The Environmental Protection Agency has granted California's waiver requests more than 40 times in the last three decades. I urge you to continue this practice.

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Global warming is a grave threat to California's water supply, our coastline, our environment, our economy and the public health of our citizens. And global warming is likely worsening the severe weather that has caused so much damage of late in the States. This imminent danger has led my Administration to actively pursue strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to protect our environment while also strengthening our economy.

I ask for your assistance in directing the Environmental Protection Agency to grant California's waiver without further delay. California and those other states that want to be free to protect the environment deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger", written in a cursive style.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Attachment

cc: Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator,
United States Environmental Agency