

## **DEMOCRATS DEFEND CALIFORNIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST FEDERAL PREEMPTION**

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**WASHINGTON, DC** — Twenty eight members of the California Democratic delegation, led by Reps. Henry A. Waxman, Jim Costa, and Anna G. Eshoo, today wrote to Transportation Secretary Mineta challenging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's attempt to preempt California's landmark law to reduce global warming. In text accompanying a proposed rule issued in August, the Administration asserted that states could not take action to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from motor vehicles even when the federal government has failed to address the very serious problem of global warming. The California Democrats' letter strongly objects to the Administration's claim and explains that it is legally and factually incorrect.