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## District Responds to Administration Decision to Revoke California's Ability to Set Vehicle Emission Standards

Statement from Alberto Ayala, Air Pollution Control Officer and Executive Director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District on the Trump EPA's decision to revoke California's ability to set clean car emission standards:

Today marks a clear assault on clean air and public health in the Sacramento region. Because burning gasoline in cars creates emissions that are the largest source of air and climate pollution that adversely impacts everyone, the revocation of California's authority to set reasonable auto emission standards proves, once again, that protecting public health from the ravages of air pollution is not a priority for this federal government. If this stands, dirtier cars will cost Sacramentans more money at the pump and make it much more difficult for the capital region to achieve good air quality. Ironically, as suggested by the recent actions of some auto makers, this is not good for the auto industry either. It will squash innovation, make it less competitive around the world, and provide a lot less certainty for an already struggling industry.

And even more ironic is the fact that today's EPA announcement comes just two days before we in Sacramento join millions of people in more than 120 countries in a massive Climate Strike. Instead, the federal government is single-handedly attempting to deliver the biggest possible blow to our planet by promoting more petroleum use in our cars and more carbon emissions from driving.

California is leading the nation and the world in the fight for a clean environment and a livable planet. We in the Sacramento region are doing our part and showing the world how to balance environmental and economic progress for everyone. Therefore, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District stands ready to join other air districts in California, other U.S. states, and numerous air agencies throughout the country to defend California's authority under the original federal clean air act to protect our air and planet from petroleum pollution from cars.

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