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Sac Metro Air District Joins Motion to Defend Nation's Clean Car Standards

On May 29, 2020, the Sac Metro Air District joined 20 states, the District of Columbia, the South Coast AQMD and the Bay Area AQMD in filing a motion to intervene in a lawsuit to defend the nation's Clean Car Standards against a challenge by the Competitive Enterprise Institute. This is the third in a series of steps taken by the air districts and states to challenge severe rollbacks by the Trump Administration of clean air measures, which have been undertaken with no concern for the serious impact of the rollbacks on air quality generally and greenhouse gases in particular. We initially challenged the attempt to reverse California's longstanding waiver authority, which enables it to adopt some of the most health and air protective emission standards in the nation. Next, we challenged the Trump Administration's irrational decision to drastically cut fuel economy standards intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. This third action seeks to intervene in the CEI suit, so that we will be in a position to counter any arguments that the Administration should have adopted even weaker greenhouse gas emission and fuel economy standards.

Here is a link to the filing: <u>https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-</u> <u>docs/States%20et%20al.%20Motion%20to%20Intervene%20in%20Case%20No.%2020-</u> 1145%20%282020-05-29%29.pdf

Below are links to District statements and releases regarding the SAFE rule:

5/28/2020

District Statement Regarding SAFE 2 Filing

5/27/2020

Air District Files Lawsuit Challenging Clean Vehicle Rollback Standards

9/18/2019

Air District Responds to Administration Revoking California Waiver