

U.S. Climate Alliance

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Oppose Federal Weakening of Pollution Standards

Today's announcement by EPA Administrator Pruitt to weaken vehicle emissions standards is in direct conflict with the agency's mandate to reduce air pollution. This decision will increase air pollution and limit innovative technology advancements that bring cleaner, more efficient cars to market.

We support the current federal standards agreed to in 2012 by the automotive industry, the federal government, and the State of California. These standards, along with the tremendous efforts underway in our respective states, are helping to drive the global transition to more efficient transportation technologies. They also protect the health of our communities and reduce the pollution that is changing our climate.

States are incubators for innovation that strengthens and advances the American economy – by enhancing competitiveness and creating American jobs. We reject this attempt to weaken emissions standards while the rest of the world moves forward. We call on non-Alliance states, car makers, the health community, and others to work with us to uphold the economic, environmental and public health benefits of cleaner cars.

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The [United States Climate Alliance](#) was formed by Governors Andrew Cuomo, Jay Inslee, and Jerry Brown in response to the U.S. federal government's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change. The bipartisan coalition of governors is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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