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Dear EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson,

We're ready to take bold action on limiting carbon dioxide pollution from vehicles. Please grant California a waiver and allow states to take innovative steps towards solving the climate crisis.

It takes some guts to push this bill. The auto makers don't like having to change and being told what to do. That is exactly why this bill is important. Regardless of what happens to gas prices, automakers will not make their cars substantially more efficient without being forced to.

Though cars are not the largest contributor to global warming gasses, the personal automotive vehicle is highly inefficient. The energy we get out of our cars is nothing compared to the chemical energy in the gasoline. The car is a symbol of freedom in this country, however and cannot be removed. Therefore the efficiency of our automotive vehicles should be of the utmost importance to this country and to the world.

California has the largest population of any state in the US, and reducing carbon dioxide emissions will have a large impact.

Carbon dioxide seems to be the least harmful thing that comes out of the exhaust pipe (since its not as toxic as carbon monoxide or as repulsive as smog) but its having the greatest impact on our planet. The emissions ratings (ULEV, SULEV, PZEV) are misleading because they don't call for the restriction of carbon dioxide, to the point at which PZEV- a rating which was thought to be only for hybrids which actually were zero emissions part of the time, was given to many Subaru, cars which release just as much harmful carbon dioxide as any midsize car regardless of emissions rating.

Carbon dioxide deserves political and legal attention and in California we intend to pave the way for carbon dioxide sequestering nationwide.

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