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Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our millions of members nationwide, we thank the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for finalizing its initial federal vehicle emissions standards for passenger cars and light-duty trucks through model year 2026. We appreciate EPA taking swift action and prioritizing these important vehicle standards, which are a vital first step to protecting public health, minimizing dangerous climate change, and saving consumers hard-earned money, which is especially important given high and volatile gas prices.

The transportation sector remains the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and internal combustion engine cars and trucks discharge toxic, health-threatening emissions and contribute to the worsening climate crisis. Manufacturers are investing billions of dollars in zero-emitting vehicles and we must ensure that the next round of standards is protective and reflects the broad-based availability of these zero-emitting vehicles.

In 2021, President Biden announced a goal for half of all new passenger vehicle sales in the U.S. to be zero-emission vehicles by 2030. Given the urgency for improving air quality and taking protective climate action, we are calling for the EPA to propose standards in 2022 and finalize those standards in 2023 for model year 2027 and beyond. These standards should reduce carbon pollution from new vehicles sold in 2030 by at least 60 percent compared to today's new vehicles and achieve necessary pollution reductions while also exceeding the President's goal for making the U.S. a global leader with 50 percent zero emission vehicle sales by 2030.

According to the American Lung Association, more than 40% of Americans live with unhealthy air.<sup>1</sup> A strong 2027 rule is key for reducing the amount of concentrated vehicular pollution poisoning vulnerable communities, and we must start working on the rule as soon as possible.

The EPA must seize the moment to curb transportation emissions this decade. As we see rapid, nationwide growth of zero-emission vehicles, we urge EPA to move quickly to enact the strongest possible long-term standards to deliver clean air, improve public health, tackle the climate crisis, save Americans money at the pump, and strengthen our economy.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lung.org/research/sota/key-findings>

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