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CONSUMER GROUP CONDEMNS ROLLBACK OF FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

States' Rights to Protect Consumers from Rising Gas Prices Through Emissions Standards Under Attack

INDIANAPOLIS—In response to this morning's announcement by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to roll back national fuel economy standards and strip the rights of states to adopt their own strong emissions standards, Lindsay Shipps, Organizer with Citizens Action Coalition, released the following statement:

"Citizens Action Coalition is flummoxed by this morning's announcement to rollback fuel economy standards,

"Fuel economy standards have been supported for years across many sectors with consumer groups, industry and government all supportive,

"Fuel economy standards allow cars to be more efficient, saving Hoosiers money at the pump year-after-year,

"Perhaps even more troubling, the Trump Administration wants to take away the rights of states to protect their own citizens from air pollution and volatile gas prices through clean cars standards."

Thirteen states plus the District of Columbia - representing over a third of auto buyers - have adopted reasonable state standards that compel automakers to make less polluting vehicles that also save consumers money. Indiana has not but we want the freedom to choose to adopt stronger standards if and when we need them. Similar 'no-more- stringent-than' legislation at the Statehouse has been rejected by lawmakers and was [vetoed by then Governor Mike Pence](#) out of concerns for states' rights.

To date, fuel economy standards have saved Indiana households \$680M, and by 2030, each Hoosier household could save \$2,050 according the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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Note to press: Fact sheet from the Union of Concerned Scientists is available [here](#):

<https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/imagess/reports/vehicles/cv-factsheet-mpg-benefits-indiana.pdf>

Link to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available [here](#):

<https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/safer-and-affordable-fuel-efficient-vehicles-proposed>