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## **Trump Administration Shouldn't Drive Successful Clean Car Standards into a Ditch**

WASHINGTON (March 15, 2017) – The Trump administration today announced it will re-open a review of common-sense automobile pollution standards for model years 2022-2025 that are instrumental in rejuvenating America's automotive manufacturing sector while driving down fuel costs for consumers.

The following is a statement by Bob Keefe, executive director of the national, nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2):

**"You have to wonder what is motivating the Trump administration to drive such a successful, Made-in-America policy into a ditch. It's simply reckless and irresponsible, and will once again put America in the rearview mirror of foreign automakers that will be glad to dominate the market for the next generation of more efficient vehicles."**

E2 was founded by business people who helped advocate for the country's first greenhouse gas emissions limits for vehicles, which were passed by the state of California in 2002 and became the foundation for the federal emissions standards. California's groundbreaking legislation helped spur innovation in the auto and fuels industries – creating thousands of jobs – and ultimately helped advance widespread adoption of hybrid, electric and alternative fuels vehicles.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, more than 259,000 Americans now work in clean vehicle production. Those jobs, along with hundreds of millions of dollars saved through fuel efficiency by businesses and consumers alike, are now at risk because of the Trump administration's shortsighted actions, according to Keefe.

**"These standards are helping spur production of the auto industry's most efficient vehicles – cars and trucks that save consumers and businesses money, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs and reducing pollution along the way," he said.**

More background:

- This E2 [fact sheet](#) on clean vehicle jobs in America is based on U.S. Department of Energy research. Among the 259,000 Americans who work in the clean vehicles sector, 112,000 work in hybrid EVs; 44,000 in plug-in hybrids; 44,000 in natural gas vehicles; 42,000 in EVs; and 17,000 in hydrogen and fuel-cell vehicles.

- Social media graphics highlighting clean vehicle jobs data are [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).
- More than 250 business leaders who support fuel efficiency standards signed this September 2016 E2 [letter](#).
- Our March 2016 “[Clean Jobs America](#)” report (Page 9) has details on how fuel efficiency standards help create jobs.
- See [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) for stories on how fuel efficiency standards help create jobs, and [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) for videos.

To speak with E2 members and other business leaders in your state who support fuel efficiency standards, please contact Patrick Mitchell at (703) 276-3266 or [pmitchell@hastingsgroup.com](mailto:pmitchell@hastingsgroup.com).

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