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STATEMENT ON NHTSA'S ROLLBACK OF VEHICLE FUEL-ECONOMY STANDARDS

Today, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is proposing a rule rolling back the agency's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. By weakening fuel economy for new cars sold in the United States, this proposal would increase harmful vehicle pollution, exacerbate prevalent market failures, and cost consumers money on gas. This repeal is the latest effort of the Trump Administration to rescind energy-efficiency standards for consumer and commercial products that generate extensive consumer savings and public-health benefits (see our rollback tracker for more on the $16 billion per year in consumer savings already at stake).

Jason Schwartz, Legal Director at the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law, released the following statement:

Rescinding fuel-economy standards will cost consumers money at the pump, weaken our nation's energy security and vulnerability to price shocks, and increase emissions of pollutants that harm public health and contribute to climate change. In fact, NHTSA's most recent fuel-economy standards, which it finalized last year, were projected by the agency to save consumers over $80 billion in fuel costs and reduce more than $125 billion in climate change damages. NHTSA's proposed repeal will further pinch the wallets of consumers who are already stretched thin.

Schwartz and others from the Institute for Policy Integrity are available for interviews on these issues.

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