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Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
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RE: Regulations to Control Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Motor Vehicles; Request for Waiver of Preemption Under Clean Air Act Section 209(b),
DOCKET ID EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0173

Dear Administrator Johnson:

I am writing to strongly support California's request for a waiver under Clean Air Act section 209(b) (42 U.S.C. § 7543(b)) for California's greenhouse gas emission standards for new cars and light trucks. California submitted this waiver request to EPA late in 2005 and EPA only yesterday signed a long overdue notice to accept public comment and hold a public hearing next month.

As you may know, Connecticut is one of many states that have exercised their option under Clean Air Act Section 177 to adopt California's motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards as their own. Connecticut has a vital interest in reducing global warming emissions from vehicular and other sources in our state. The need for action is no longer in dispute, as again confirmed recently by the world's scientists. See Summary for Policy for Policymakers, IPCC WGI Fourth Assessment Report, available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/SPM2feb07.pdf>.

California's December 21, 2005 waiver submittal provided a solid demonstration that its greenhouse gas emission standards meet relevant waiver criteria. See http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/docs/att2_support.pdf. The recent *Massachusetts v. EPA* (2007) ___ U.S. ___ [127 S.Ct. 1438, 75 U.S.L.W. 4149] decision only strengthens that demonstration. California has submitted a schedule under which EPA can and should grant the waiver within 180 days even given EPA's belated beginning of this previously routine approval process. Connecticut therefore requests EPA expeditiously act upon and approve California's waiver request so that Connecticut may further protect the public health of our citizens and their environment by enforcing the motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards.

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Yours truly,


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