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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Johnson:

We write to join with Governor Rell and Governor Schwarzenegger in expressing our concerns about the slow progress of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s review and decision on California's waiver request for emission standards.

As you may know, both Rhode Island and Vermont have adopted California's tougher automobile emission standards, permitted under the Clean Air Act, as part of our aggressive efforts to combat greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful pollutants. As a result, the review and approval of California's waiver request has a direct impact on the health of our citizens and the health of the environment in both our states.

Although we understand that the EPA must perform its due diligence in considering this waiver, we have a responsibility to our citizens to move forward forcefully in combating detrimental automobile emissions. In that light, we respectfully urge the EPA to approve California's waiver petition as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



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James H. Douglas  
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