



**Statement of the
American Lung Association of California**

**American Lung Association of California Applauds
Federal Court Decision In Favor Of California
Clean Cars Law**

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The mission of the
**AMERICAN LUNG
ASSOCIATION®**
of California is to prevent
lung disease and promote
lung health.

The American Lung Association of California applauds today's federal court decision in Fresno in favor of California's landmark law establishing vehicle greenhouse-gas reduction standards. The auto industry's challenge to California's Clean Cars Law has been rejected and now car companies should move ahead quickly to make cleaner vehicle technologies that improve air quality and public health and reduce emissions that cause global warming.

The American Lung Association of California believes that aggressive statewide measures are urgently needed to reduce global warming pollution from vehicles and other sources in order to protect air quality and public health in California. Rising temperatures from global warming are expected to result in increased emissions of harmful pollutants and increased numbers of smoggy days in California that will lead to more health emergencies for our residents. California residents are already experiencing over 9,000 premature deaths and thousands of hospitalizations for respiratory causes from air pollution each year, and this is unacceptable. California's leadership in fighting global warming emissions continues to be critical in pushing national and international action.

The American Lung Association of California is pleased with today's court action and now urges the federal EPA to act quickly

to approve California's waiver request to implement these critical vehicle standards.

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