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Sierra Club California Praises California's Commitment to Clean Car Standards

SACRAMENTO—The State of California joined with 17 other states to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its efforts to weaken the national clean car rules. Together these 18 states, which represent 140 million Americans, assert that the EPA acted carelessly and in violation of the Clean Air Act when it proposed to roll back the emissions standards.

Today's announcement by Governor Jerry Brown, Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Air Resources Board Chair Mary Nichols sent a clear message to the Trump Administration: we must protect and maintain the current clean car standards. Washington's efforts to deregulate the automotive industry will not be tolerated.

Statement by Kathryn Phillips, Director of Sierra Club California:

“Attorney General Xavier Becerra has defended California's future by filing another important lawsuit against the EPA. This legal challenge is critical because our emissions standards help improve gas mileage and reduce health-threatening air pollution.

"We live in a state where the most consistent and largest source of air pollution is transportation. California has two of the most polluted air basins in the nation. As many as one in five kids in some school districts in those basins suffer from lung disease. Thank goodness the Brown Administration and AG Becerra are on the case.”

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