

Oppose CRA Attacks on Clean Vehicle and Engine Standards

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Monday, August 24, 2026

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned 95 health, business, environmental, consumer advocate, local governments, and science organizations, urge you to vote NO on the improper Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions that seek to overturn four long-standing Clean Air Act preemption waivers that states rely on to protect the health and safety of their residents ([H.J.Res 202](#) / [S.J.Res.206](#), [H.J.Res 205](#) / [S.J.Res.207](#), [H.J.Res.211](#) / [S.J.Res.208](#), [H.J Res 214](#) / [S.J.Res.205](#)). These waivers pertain to:

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards for passenger cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty vehicles that the auto industry has already been complying with since 2009;
- Smog-forming pollutant and GHG emissions limits for light-duty vehicles that the auto industry has already been complying with since 2015 (Advanced Clean Cars I (ACC I) program);
- The 2022 reinstatement of the 2013 ACC I waiver (after the EPA unlawfully purported to withdraw it in 2019);
- The Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) amendments, which set exhaust standards for garden equipment and other polluting small engines in California (and cannot be adopted by other states).

These state clean air standards, explicitly allowed under the Clean Air Act and previously approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are essential for saving families money and protecting air quality. Given the affordability crisis facing millions of people today, it would be a disastrous waste of time and resources to attempt to nullify the waivers. Vehicles and off-road engines currently in use already meet the standards that Congress is attacking – and these standards mean that our cars, trucks and off-road engines cost less at the gas pump and that our air is cleaner. There's nothing to fix.

If Congress attempts to improperly block the implementation of these long-established state standards, families will experience consequences such as:

- **Straining household budgets.** Gas prices are skyrocketing, and drivers are feeling the pinch every time they fill up. A proven solution that breaks Americans' dependence on volatile gas prices is cleaner vehicles that use less fuel.
- **Breathing toxic air:** More than 152 million people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particulate pollution, according to the [American Lung Association](#). Smog-forming pollution from combustion cars, trucks, lawn mowers, and leaf blowers can worsen asthma, decrease lung function, and lead to premature death, particularly in children and the elderly. Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from transportation is singlehandedly responsible for up to 20,000 premature deaths each year. All of these burdens disproportionately affect communities of color and low-income communities who are more likely to [live near major trucking routes](#) and [transportation hubs](#).

The U.S. had been making progress, allowing more people to breathe easier thanks to life-saving programs under the Clean Air Act. However, the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" reports in 2025 and 2026 document a stark reversal forcing [more people to live in counties graded "F" for ozone pollution](#). The waivers are more essential than ever.

These improper CRA resolutions threaten the ability of states to take action to protect their residents from harmful air pollution and its negative public health impacts. Losing these waivers would mean that air quality planning agencies in states that rely on the emissions reductions the programs achieve would need to find equivalent emission reductions from other sources or potentially face harsh consequences like losing transportation funding.

We urge Congress to oppose these unwarranted attacks on state authority and our air and public health and vote **NO** on ([H.J.Res 202](#) / [S.J.Res.206](#), [H.J.Res 205](#) / [S.J.Res.207](#), [H.J.Res.211](#) / [S.J.Res.208](#), [H.J Res 214](#) / [S.J.Res.205](#)).

Sincerely,

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