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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to announce the availability of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the agency's proposed Phase 2 Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles.

This rulemaking is being conducted jointly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is proposing greenhouse gas standards for the same engines and vehicles. NHTSA is proposing fuel efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and EPA is proposing greenhouse gas emissions standards under the Clean Air Act. The joint proposal, which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption by medium-duty and heavy-duty engines and vehicles, addresses the closely intertwined challenges of energy independence, energy security, and climate change.

The Draft EIS compares the environmental impacts of the proposed standards and a range of alternatives, including a "No Action" alternative, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321–4347. It considers the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed standards and reasonable alternatives. NHTSA analyzed impacts related to fuel and energy use, air quality, climate, natural resources, and the human environment. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy served as cooperating agencies in the preparation of this Draft EIS.

I invite you or your organization to submit written comments on this Draft EIS. In accordance with required procedures, EPA will publish a Notice of Availability of this Draft EIS in the Federal Register. The public comment period ends on August 31, 2015. To ensure consideration, it is important that NHTSA receives your comments before the end of the public comment period. All comments and materials received, including the names and addresses of the commenters who submit them, will become part of the administrative record and will be posted on the web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.



Please carefully review these instructions in order to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- **NHTSA encourages electronic filing of any comments.** To submit comments electronically, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments by clicking on “Help” or “FAQ.” File comments on the Draft EIS in Docket No. **NHTSA-2014-0074**.
- Mail written comments to Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20590. Please be sure to reference Docket No. **NHTSA-2014-0074**.
- Comments may also be submitted by fax to 202-493-2251. Please be sure to reference Docket No. **NHTSA-2014-0074**.

After the comments are reviewed and any significant new issues are investigated, NHTSA will issue a Final EIS that addresses timely comments received on the Draft EIS. Notices in the Federal Register will announce the availability of NHTSA’s Final EIS. In addition, NHTSA will continue to announce information about its environmental review on the agency’s fuel economy website (<http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy>).

The Draft EIS is available for public viewing online at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy> and on the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0074). To obtain a hard copy of the Draft EIS or a CD with a digital version of the document, please contact James MacIsaac, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy, and Consumer Programs, at 202-366-9108 or at nhtsa.nepa@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Friedman", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

David J. Friedman