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Statement of Dan Becker, Director, Safe Climate Campaign,  
on Trump's Attack on California Clean-Car Authority

President Trump's attack on California and other states threatens to make America polluted again. It rejects cleaner, less-polluting vehicles in favor of pollution-spewing Trump-mobiles for urban cowboys hauling lattes home from Starbucks.

Trump has married his administration-wide hostility to the environment to his personal vendetta against California.

The administration's attack on the states' authority to set their own strong air pollution standards shreds a centerpiece of the Clean Air Act that protects millions of Americans. It is hypocritical for the administration to encourage states to block some of their people from going to the polls, but then forbid states from protecting their people from auto pollution.

The administration is flouting the Clean Air Act by revoking California's authority, because the law has no provision for such revocation. In addition, two federal courts have rejected arguments that federal law preempts emissions standards like California's.

With the blessing of the Clean Air Act, California has led the nation for nearly 50 years in fighting air pollution. Now Donald the Defiler is trying to prohibit California from protecting its people from polluting vehicles and preclude it from preparing the progressive, forward-looking emissions standards on which the nation relies to fight the climate crisis.

This is auto mechanics, not rocket science. The president is discouraging automakers from doing what they know how to do: build cars that are both safe and efficient.

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