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

By inviting automakers to make 21st century vehicles with 20th century technology, Trump is setting up U.S. auto companies for a repeat of the industry's 2008 bankruptcies and near-death experience.

On the administration's fourth day, auto executives trooped into the White House to ask Trump to roll back the clean-car rules. They asked the president to help push the standards down the hill, and now he's disconnecting the brakes.

We can hear the chants from the Oval Office: "Make America Polluted Again!"

Trump is weaponizing his rollback in his nearly three-year campaign to punish California after its votes denied him a national majority. By shredding a centerpiece of the Clean Air Act, the administration is hypocritically forbidding California and the other states from protecting their people from auto pollution even as it encourages states to block some of their people from going to the polls.

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