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EPA makes major move against Trump administration — and it could ignite a flurry of legal battles

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The Environmental Protection Agency has made a major move against President Donald Trump in favor of [electric vehicles](#). This will most likely set off a domino effect of legal battles meant to preserve states' rights to keep their eco-friendly regulations.

California's "clean cars" regulation is at the epicenter. Passed in 2022 under the federal [Clean Air Act](#), it requires all new cars bought in the Golden State that are built in 2026 and onward to be zero-emission. Gas-powered cars built prior to 2026 would still be allowed on California roads.

The regulation has been adopted by 17 other states, according to [Ars Technica](#), and it seems that they'd like to keep it that way.

This goes directly against Trump's policies. The president opposes [tax credits for EVs](#), which were given under the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) during Joe Biden's administration.

Trump recently signed an executive order titled "[Unleashing American Energy](#)," which terminates "state emissions waivers that function to limit sales of gasoline-powered automobiles." It requires that government agencies comply within 30 days of the order.

(It should be noted that changing a tax code requires congressional action, so it hasn't been revoked yet.)

However, it seems like the EPA has other plans. California can request a waiver under the Clean Air Act, but it can't actually do anything unless the EPA approves it. And, contrary to Trump's wishes, it still did.

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Part of Trump's executive order states that EVs are unaffordable and unbeneficial to the American public. However, [EV owners beg to differ](#). Not only do EVs lead to less pollution, but they also save you a ton of money on gas. It depends on which state you're in, but West Virginians, for example, can save up to [\\$1,800 per year](#) by switching to an EV.

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