



# **Update on Automobile Manufacturers' Framework for Vehicle Emissions**

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# Background:

## The Trump Administration's Auto Standards Rollback

- The Trump Administration has proposed to flatline federal greenhouse gas (GHG) auto standards.
- The Trump Administration has proposed to revoke California's Clean Air Act waiver for GHG and zero emission vehicle (ZEV) programs, claiming they are preempted by federal law.

# Negative Consequences of the Federal Rollback

- These federal actions would increase automobile sector GHG emissions by tens of millions of tons over time.
- Emissions of smog-forming pollutants would also rise, just when we need deeper cuts to protect public health.
- California's ability to meet federal State Implementation Plan (SIP) obligations is at risk.
- Sustained uncertainty for both CARB and the auto manufacturers as the federal rollback is litigated for years

# Auto Emissions Framework

- Many auto manufacturers wish to continue reducing GHGs and making major electrification investments but face major legal uncertainty.
- Manufacturers and CARB negotiated a framework that could provide certainty; negotiations are on-going.
- The Trump Administration immediately rejected the overtures to compromise.
- CARB staff is supportive of a reasonable compromise.

# Key Framework Principles

- Continue the trend of GHG reductions and reach existing emissions standards in 2026, one year later.
- Increase support for ZEVs
- Support additional flexibilities that reduce GHGs
- Step up electrification efforts
- Address enforcement uncertainty with CARB standards while the federal rollback is litigated

# Implementing the Framework

- CARB staff is exploring ways to recognize the framework via individual voluntary agreements; we may use enforcement discretion, contracting authority, and/or other tools.
- Section 177 states are supportive.
- Other auto companies are considering joining.
- Discussions continue as to form and timing.

# Recommendations and Next Steps

- The draft resolution directs CARB staff to consider options and reaffirms that the Executive Officer may sign any agreements.
- Continue to support reduced vehicle emissions through a range of policy approaches.
- Continue litigation and file new suits, if needed.
- Update the Board on significant developments.