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Dear Administrator Jackson and Secretary LaHood:

Congratulations on the release of the Notice of Intent to Conduct a Joint Rulemaking to establish greenhouse gas emission standards for 2017-2025 model passenger vehicles. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) strongly supports the federal government's initiation of this rulemaking process.

We appreciated the President's invitation to participate in preparation of the Technical Assessment Report (TAR) that was also issued today. This report reflects substantial input from automobile manufacturers and other stakeholders, as well as independent analysis performed by our agencies. We believe the report provides a strong, factual basis to inform and launch the rulemaking process.

We look forward to working with you in the months ahead to refine and expand our mutual assessment of future greenhouse gas emission standards. We are ready to continue joint meetings with auto manufacturers and other stakeholders to gain additional information and build on the thorough work we have completed to date. We understand it is your intent to publish a Supplemental Notice of Intent by the end of November to share with the public the additional learnings, and we will support you in this effort.

It is our hope that together, we can work for adoption of federal greenhouse gas emission standards that will meet California and our state partners' needs, and will result in a national-wide fleet of cleaner, more cost-effective vehicles that will meet both

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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federal and state emission requirements. To achieve this result, it is important that our coordinated regulatory processes move forward in a timely manner toward adopting maximum feasible standards. CARB is fully committed to this goal.

Sincerely,



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