

CURE Supports Disapproval of Onerous California EPA Rules

Dear Representative:

This week the House will vote to disapprove three onerous Biden Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules that grant California undue authority to control vehicle emission standards. On February 14, 2025, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced in the Oval Office, alongside President Trump and the National Energy Dominance Council, that the EPA would be transmitting these rules to Congress, thereby initiating the disapproval process.

Zeldin said the Biden EPA prevented Congress from deciding on extremely consequential actions that have massive impacts and costs across the entire United States. “The American people are struggling to make ends meet while dealing with rules that take away their ability to choose a safe and affordable vehicle for their families,” Zeldin said. “As an agency, we are accountable to Congress, but most importantly we must be accountable to the American people.”

The three disapproval resolutions include:

H.J. Res. 87: Rescinds a waiver granted by the Biden Administration allowing California to require truck manufacturers and retailers to meet strict zero-emission quotas by 2035, which will force small businesses to transition to costly electric trucks, driving up prices for consumers and hampering the nation’s supply chain.

H.J. Res. 88: Rescinds a waiver allowing California to mandate that 35% of new car sales be zero-emission by 2026, increasing to 100% by 2035. Because California effectively sets fuel efficiency standards for the rest of the nation, this rule will reduce production of gas-powered cars, limiting Americans’ ability to choose the vehicle that best fits their needs.

H.J. Res. 89: Rescinds a waiver allowing California to impose aggressive nitrogen oxide emission reduction requirements on medium- and heavy-duty trucks. The compliance burdens and unworkable standards imposed on the trucking industry under this rule will drive up costs, which will ultimately be passed along to American families and businesses.

The Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE) seeks to fight poverty and lift up distressed communities. By increasing the cost of vehicles, the cost of goods and the cost of living throughout our nation, these California waivers are particularly harmful to low-income communities. We urge you to support these disapproval resolutions.

Sincerely,

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