



A Network of  
**Electric Vehicle  
Advocates**

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The Honorable Lee Zeldin, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

I am writing to speak out against the proposed **rescission of the 2009 Endangerment Finding**—which identifies greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from motor vehicles as a threat to public health and welfare—and the proposed **repeal of all GHG emission standards** for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles and engines under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

As of June 2025, over [7 million American consumers](#) have chosen to purchase and drive an electric vehicle. Consistently, the [most important reasons](#) people cite for choosing to drive EVs are **clean air and environmental protection**. Survey results also indicate that [78% of voters believe](#) that increasing the number of electric vehicles on the road reduces air pollution, leading to reduced risk of health problems like asthma and heart disease. Given that the mission of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment, it is our expectation that the EPA will be true to its mission and uphold the EPA emissions standards for vehicles.

The [EPA Press Release](#) stated that the reasons for wanting to repeal the EPA standards are to reduce consumer costs for Americans while providing auto manufacturers with regulatory certainty. Evidence suggests that the proposed rules will accomplish neither of these outcomes.

Based on the [EPA impact assessment](#), repealing the 2024 CAFE Rules and 2024 EPA rulemakings **will drive up the price of gasoline** for consumers by 25% in the coming years. As such, this proposal fails to reduce fuel costs for drivers in the near term or the future. EV drivers cite [cost savings](#) as the second most important reason for driving electric. If the goal is to save consumers money, retaining the current GHG standards will lead to more efficient vehicles and more electric vehicle options that reduce household transportation spending on gasoline, leaving more money in consumers' wallets.

Repealing the rules would send a contradictory message to automakers who have already been working to meet the standards and **create regulatory uncertainty**. While relaxing EPA regulations may seem beneficial to automakers in the near term, failing to transition to electric vehicles will relegate U.S. automakers to laggards or render them obsolete. The global transition to EVs is well underway, and EV sales continue to grow. Over [40 million EVs](#) are being driven on

roads all over the world, and U.S. automakers sell millions of vehicles and bring in [hundreds of billions of dollars](#) in revenue from global sales each year. For U.S. auto manufacturers to remain globally competitive, they must manufacture EVs. [One in four vehicles sold globally in 2025](#) will have a plug. Automakers know that the future is electric, which is why [Ford](#), [Stellantis](#), and [GM](#) have [publicly backed](#) the federal EPA standards.

EV drivers want strong tailpipe standards because clean air, healthy communities, reduced transportation costs, and a strong economy benefit everyone. EPA tailpipe emissions standards drive innovation, save consumers money, and allow the United States to compete globally. Strong rules keep automakers moving toward cleaner technology, protect investments in electric vehicles, and ensure the U.S. doesn't backslide into dirtier, more expensive transportation.

Sincerely,