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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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The Honorable Mark R. Rosekind
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator McCarthy and Administrator Rosekind:

We write regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ("the Agencies") recently released Draft Technical Assessment Report: Midterm Evaluation of Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Model Years 2022-2025 ("Draft TAR"). The 2012 rulemaking establishing the National Program for MY 2017-2025 light-duty vehicles requires the Agencies to conduct a Midterm Evaluation of the GHG standards established for MY 2022-2025. The Agencies will consider information gathered as part of the Midterm Evaluation, including information submitted through public comments, to determine whether the MY 2022-2025 GHG standards, established in 2012, are still appropriate under section 202 (a) of the Clean Air Act.

The Agencies have provided a public comment period on the Draft TAR from July 15, 2016 to September 26, 2016. We assert that the current comment period does not provide the necessary time for an adequate public review. The Draft TAR exceeds 1,000 pages in length, contains extensive technical information, and references a large number of supporting documents. Furthermore, a portion of the referenced supporting documents were not available at the beginning of the public comment period.

Light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards have far reaching economic, environmental, employment, and safety impacts. Given the complexity and scope of the Draft TAR, the technical, legal, and practical issues raised, and the data commenters may need to collect to comment on the report, additional time for public comment is warranted.

We believe the Agencies should provide a full 60-day extension for comment on the Draft TAR, allowing the public to comment until November 26, 2016. Extending the comment period will result in a more comprehensive public review and will lead to a better evaluation of the current MY 2022-2025 GHG standards.

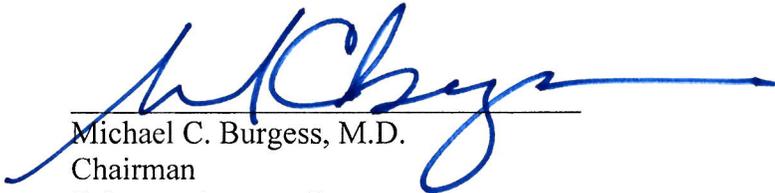
Sincerely,



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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Janice Schakowsky, Ranking Member
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