

May 7, 2013

The President
The White House
Washington DC.

RE: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emissions and Fuel Standards Program, Docket ID NO. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0135

Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned health and medical organizations urge you to support cleaner, healthier air and adopt cleaner gasoline and vehicle emissions standards as soon as possible. The nation needs these stronger public health protections urgently to reduce dangerous air pollution from cars, light trucks and SUVs.

We have seen first-hand the effects of these harmful emissions. Motor vehicles are a major source of ozone forming pollution which triggers asthma attacks, worsens lung disease and shortens life. Cars, light trucks and SUVs contribute to particle pollution which threatens heart and lung health, as well as increases the risk of premature death. Emissions from these vehicles also add to the toxic burden of those who live or work near the nation's busy highways.

The new standards will protect our children, the elderly, those with chronic lung disease, heart disease or diabetes, and those who have low incomes. We strongly urge you to direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue final Cleaner Gasoline and Vehicle standards by December 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

Alabama

American Heart Association in Alabama
American Lung Association in Alabama

Alaska

American Lung Association in Alaska

Arizona

American Lung Association in Arizona
Arizona Public Health Association

Arkansas

American Lung Association in Arkansas

California

American Lung Association in California

California Chapter American College of Physicians

California Public Health Association – North

Fresno Madera Medical Society – Air Quality Committee

Health Care Without Harm

Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

Los Angeles County Medical Association

Medical Advocates for Healthy Air

Regional Asthma Management & Prevention

San Francisco-Bay Area Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Colorado

American Lung Association in Colorado
Boulder County Public Health

Connecticut

American Lung Association in Connecticut

Delaware

American Lung Association in Delaware

District of Columbia

American Lung Association in the District
of Columbia

Florida

American Lung Association in Florida
Florida Environmental Health Association
Florida Chapter of Physicians for Social
Responsibility
Florida Physical Therapy Association

Georgia

American Lung Association in Georgia
Mothers and Others for Clean Air
Southeast Thoracic Association

Hawaii

American Lung Association in Hawaii

Idaho

American Lung Association in Idaho
Central District Health Department
Idaho Academy of Family Physicians
Idaho Medical Association
Idaho Public Health Association

Illinois

American Lung Association in Illinois
Chicago Asthma Consortium
Community Health Charities of Illinois
The Illinois Healthy Schools Campaign
Illinois Maternal and Child Health
Coalition
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois Society for Respiratory Care

Indiana

American Lung Association in Indiana

Iowa

American Lung Association in Iowa
Iowa Public Health Association

Kansas

American Lung Association in Kansas

Kentucky

American Lung Association in Kentucky

Louisiana

American Lung Association in Louisiana

Maine

Healthy Communities of the Capital Area
Maine Public Health Association
AH! Asthma Health
Washington County: One Community
American Nurses Association-Maine
Maine Association of School Nurses
Piscataquis Public Health Council
Maine Chapter, American Academy of
Pediatrics
American Lung Association in Maine
Maine Health
River Valley Healthy Communities
Coalition
Maine Chapter, American College of
Physicians
Maine Medical Association
Maine Public Health Association
Maine Healthy Air Coalition
MCD Public Health

Maryland

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy
Environments
American Lung Association in Maryland
Maryland Public Health Association

Massachusetts

American Lung Association in
Massachusetts
Boston Public Health Commission
Breath of Life Dorchester (BOLD) Teens
Cambridge Public Health Department
Codman Square Neighborhood Council
Common Pathways Community Health
Network Area (CHNA) 8
Health Resources in Action
Holyoke Food and Fitness Policy Council
Massachusetts Association for Health,
Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
Massachusetts Association of Health Boards
Massachusetts Chapter of the American
Academy of Pediatrics

Michigan

American Lung Association in Michigan
Detroit Alliance for Asthma Awareness
Genesee County Asthma Network
Health Department of Northwest Michigan
Lansing Alpha 1 COPD Coalition
Michigan Association of Local
Environmental Health Administrators
Michigan Osteopathic Association
Registered Nurses Association in Michigan
Washtenaw County Asthma Coalition

Minnesota

American Lung Association in Minnesota
Minnesota Public Health Association

Mississippi

American Academy of Pediatrics,
Mississippi
American Lung Association in Mississippi
Mississippi Public Health Association
Mississippi State Department of Health
Missouri Association of Local Public Health
Agencies

Missouri

American Lung Association in Missouri
Missouri Association of Local Public Health
Agencies

Montana

American Lung Association in Montana
Health Care Without Harm
Montana Area Agencies on Aging
Association
Montana League of Women Voters
Montana Primary Care Association
Montana Public Health Association
RiverStone Health

Nebraska

American Lung Association in Nebraska

Nevada

American Lung Association in Nevada

New Hampshire

American Lung Association in New
Hampshire

New Jersey

American Lung Association in New Jersey
Freehold Area Health Department
Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission
Monmouth Regional Health Commission
New Jersey Public Health Association

New Mexico

American Lung Association in New Mexico
New Mexico Public Health Association

New York

American Lung Association in New York
Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition
New York State Public Health Association
YWCA of White Plains

North Carolina

American Lung Association in North
Carolina
Medical Advocates for Healthy Air

North Dakota

American Lung Association in North
Dakota

Ohio

American Lung Association in Ohio
Association of Ohio Health Commissioners
Environmental Health Watch
Ohio Asthma Coalition
Ohio Public Health Association
The Ohio Society for Respiratory Care

Oklahoma

American Lung Association in Oklahoma

Oregon

American Lung Association in Oregon

Pennsylvania

American Lung Association in Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy
of Pediatrics
Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse
Practitioners
Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical
Association
Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care
Pennsylvania State Nurses Association
Philadelphia Physicians for Social
Responsibility
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Women for a Healthy Environment

Rhode Island

American Lung Association in Rhode Island
Rhode Island Public Health Institute

South Carolina

American Lung Association in South
Carolina

South Dakota

American Lung Association in South
Dakota
South Dakota Public Health Association

Tennessee

American Lung Association in Tennessee

Texas

American Lung Association in Texas

Utah

American Lung Association in Utah

Vermont

American Lung Association in Vermont
American Heart Association
Vermont Children's Hospital

Virginia

Allergy Partners of Eastern Virginia
American Lung Association in Virginia
Breathe America Richmond
Doctors for America
Richmond Pulmonary Association
Roanoke Asthma and Air Quality Coalition
The Coalition for Healthy Individuals
through Prevention and Education
Voices for Virginia's children

West Virginia

American Lung Association in West
Virginia
West Virginia Asthma Coalition

Wisconsin

American Lung Association in Wisconsin
Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin

Wyoming

American Lung Association in Wyoming

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