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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Comment period extension request for proposed rulemaking– Docket
No. NHTSA-2018-0067; EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0283

Dear Secretary Chao and Acting Administrator Wheeler:

The American Lung Association respectfully requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the comment deadline for at least 60 additional days on the Safer and Affordable Fuel Efficient Vehicles Proposed Rule for Model Years 2021-2026. We further request that the deadline for the proposal's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) be extended to match this new deadline.

The very tight deadline for public comments on the DEIS does not allow for adequate analysis and meaningful input.

The likely impacts of the proposed rule overall would be far-reaching, requiring significant additional time to analyze. The proposal lays out multiple options for weakening the existing greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards, each with its own set of potential impacts to human health.

Further, the proposal to revoke the waiver of California and 12 other states to set more protective standards is unprecedented. The likely impacts of this action have implications not only for public health, but for a wide range

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of stakeholders including U.S. states and consumers. A 60-day comment period does not provide sufficient time to evaluate and offer meaningful feedback on this proposed action.

In light of the significant public health ramifications of the proposal, particularly the potential revocation of the California waiver, we respectfully request that the comment period be extended 60 days to permit all stakeholders to provide comments on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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