



January 12, 2012

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As leading public health and medical organizations, we write to request that you move forward with the Tier 3 vehicle emission and gasoline standards and finalize these standards as soon as possible. These new health protections are urgently needed as millions of Americans live in communities where polluted air threatens their health and motor vehicles remain a major source of this pollution.

On May 21, 2010, President Obama issued a memorandum that directed you to review the adequacy of current regulations of nitrogen oxides, air toxics and gasoline sulfur standards for new motor vehicles and if needed, to promulgate emissions regulations. It is clear that such new standards are needed to protect public health and are extremely cost effective.

According to a National Association of Clean Air Agencies study, a Tier 3 vehicle and fuels standard would reduce overall mobile source emissions of nitrogen oxides by 29%, carbon monoxide by 38% and volatile organic compounds by 26% by 2030. The state air pollution officials' analysis indicates that, in 2017, Tier 3 will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by 260,000 tons, the equivalent to taking 33 million cars off our nation's roads. These benefits are a great bargain for the American people, costing less than one cent per gallon of gasoline and about ½ of a percent, or \$150, of the cost of the average new car.

As communities work to provide clean and healthy air to their residents, these reductions are urgently needed to protect the health of all, but especially the most vulnerable; children, seniors and people with chronic lung and heart disease. To protect public health, we ask that you move forward now with the Tier 3 vehicle and fuel standards.

Sincerely,

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Thoracic Society

Health Care Without Harm
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Trust for America's Health

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