

September 14, 2023

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, the largest manufacturing trade association in the United States, representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I respectfully urge you to support H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act.

Auto manufacturers have been making historic investments to ensure that electric vehicles will have a growing place on America's roads. However, three separate sets of standards on emissions from the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the state of California have been proposed to govern light- and medium-duty vehicles. This patchwork of often-conflicting federal and state guidance creates regulatory uncertainty and must be harmonized.

These proposals share overly aggressive targets and unrealistic implementation timelines that will increase the cost of manufacturing vehicles. Yet the necessary steps needed to ensure that these standards can be met have not been taken. These include a drastic expansion of our electricity transmission infrastructure and unlocking domestic supplies of critical minerals to reduce our reliance on China, both of which require the implementation of permitting reform.

Finally, mandates on the types of vehicles that can be sold inherently limit consumer choice. Governments should not dictate the vehicle choices offered to consumers. Rather, the market and purchasers should determine the product mix available to Americans.

The NAM believes H.R. 1435 is a step in the right direction to harmonize vehicle emissions standards. When manufacturers have regulatory clarity, we can focus on what we do best – innovating, creating jobs and investing in America. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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