

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 25, 2007

The Honorable Nicole Nason
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Nason:

Improving the fuel economy of automobiles and reducing emissions of carbon dioxide are issues of great importance to the Members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

During his address on the State of the Union, President Bush called upon Congress to reform and modernize fuel economy standards. It appears from this and subsequent comments that the President is requesting new authority for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to establish Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for cars and trucks. The Committee is eager to review the President's proposals. We have not, however, received any draft legislation from the Department of Transportation or the White House delineating the nature of these new authorities.

To assist the Committee with its inquiry into these matters, we ask that you provide the Committee with draft legislation no later than Thursday, February 1, 2007. We will be contacting you to schedule a hearing of the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality to review the Administration's legislative proposals. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jonathan Cordone, Deputy Chief Counsel to the Committee, at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce



Rick Boucher
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Ranking Member
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