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Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman on the New Fuel Standards

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today Rep. Waxman released the following statement on the Bush Administration's new fuel standards for SUVs and light trucks.

“The Bush Administration is again protecting the oil and auto industries at the expense of national security, energy independence, and a safe and healthy environment. This rule is an enormous missed opportunity to reduce imports of Mideast oil, save Americans money at the pump, and address the looming danger of global warming.

“The preamble to the rule asserts that the weak new CAFE standards are the maximum the auto industry can achieve and should therefore preempt California's groundbreaking efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles. This is a galling affront to California, which has exhibited leadership on global warming that is sorely lacking in Washington, D.C.”