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### **Statement from U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood**

“Today consumers and the car industry are winners thanks to swift action by the Senate to keep the wildly successful CARS program up and running. These incentives are keeping money in buyers’ pockets and giving manufacturers a much needed boost. Sales are up and automobile plants are in high gear to meet the demand. The CARS program is taking gas guzzlers off the road and replacing them with more fuel efficient vehicles. This is a win-win for our economy and our environment.

“I’d like to thank Majority Leader Reid and Senators Durbin, Levin and Stabenow for their leadership in making sure this program could continue.”

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