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The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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Dear Administrator Regan,

The transportation sector is the largest source of greenhouse gases in the United States. Carbon emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles in both the public and private sector pollute the air we breathe causing negative health impacts and contribute to the increasingly urgent issue of climate change. We thank EPA for finalizing robust short-term federal greenhouse gas emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks in December 2021. That was a critical first step to reduce greenhouse gases and improve public health.

We now urge EPA to move quickly in finalizing strong long-term standards for passenger cars and trucks in model year 2027 and beyond. Numerous studies show that poor health outcomes and higher incidences of chronic conditions, like asthma, can be linked to the volume of concentrated pollution in high traffic areas. We know that clean car standards are the most effective policy to reduce dangerous air pollution and protect public health nationwide. Long term clean car standards will help vulnerable communities who often are more exposed to air pollution and the hardest hit by effects of climate change.

Climate change poses serious threats to the health and lives of all Americans, especially children, older adults, low-income communities, communities of color and people living with chronic diseases. When poor air quality due to vehicle emissions coincides with climate-related risks, such as extreme heat or ground-level ozone, negative health impacts are further amplified. Standards enacted by EPA will both reduce exposure to air pollution and address climate change.

The Biden Administration has an opportunity to protect public health and fight the climate crisis with strong long-term clean cars standards. As we transition nationwide to zero-emission vehicles, we urge EPA to move swiftly to enact the strongest possible long-term standards to clean our air, keep Americans healthy, and combat the climate crisis.

Signed,

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