

September 20, 2024 (House)

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.J. Res. 136 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and <u>Medium-Duty Vehicles"</u>

(Rep. James, R-MI, and 129 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes H.J. Res. 136, which would disapprove the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule to update emissions standards for a range of air pollutants from passenger cars and light-duty trucks to new, more robust standards.

Disapproval would generate uncertainty for the U.S. auto market and supply chains, creating risk for the more than 250,000 auto jobs added and the more than \$177 billion of private sector investment in the industry announced since 2021. Passage of H.J. Res. 136 would also artificially constrain consumer vehicle choice, weaken U.S. manufacturing and energy security, and harm public health.

The rule sets performance-based standards that manufacturers can meet using a wide range of technologies and avoids over seven billion metric tons of carbon emissions while significantly reducing other pollutants. These standards will provide important health benefits to millions across the country. The rule expands consumer choice in clean vehicles and builds on the historic progress in auto manufacturing under President Biden's Investing in America agenda, providing nearly \$100 billion of annual net benefits, including \$13 billion in public health benefits, and \$62 billion in reduced fuel, maintenance, and repair costs. The rule is supported by U.S. automakers and autoworkers and disapproval of the rule would jeopardize development in a critical technology sector, ceding the electric vehicle and battery future to global competitors like China.

If the President were presented with H.J. Res. 136, he would veto it.

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