



The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate SD-511
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Majority Leader Thune,

On behalf of the [25 organizations](#) urging the swift passage of Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions of disapproval targeting EPA Clean Air Act preemption waivers granted to California, we thank you for giving this matter the attention it deserves.

We realize that time is running out, but we wanted to reiterate our encouragement to move all of these key resolutions:

- Vehicle & EV Mandates: 2009 GHG Standards (S.J. Res. 206), ACC I (S.J. Res. 207), and ACC I Reinstatement (S.J. Res. 208).
- Small Engines: Lawn and garden equipment rules (S.J. Res. 205).
- Maritime & Supply Chain: At-Berth regulations (S.J. Res. 209) and Commercial Harbor Craft mandates (S.J. Res. 210).

Passing these measures triggers the CRA's "substantially the same" clause, permanently barring future administrations from reissuing similar waivers. This provides a durable statutory safeguard for consumer choice and federalism that litigation alone cannot deliver.

In particular, we want to emphasize the importance of the 2009 greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles (California's first GHG vehicle waiver): S.J. Res. 206, introduced by Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-MO). This measure is consequential because EPA's 2009 waiver approved California's motor vehicle program as a whole, rather than each individual standard within it, arguably giving California room to adopt new, stricter standards under that same waiver.

Advancing the Schmitt resolution would permanently bar EPA from granting a substantially similar GHG waiver under a future administration, closing the door – permanently – that California has used to reimpose its standards.

National policy must be set by Congress, not Sacramento. As you know, the timeline for these CRA resolutions is severely limited. Thank you for your leadership on this. Please continue to prioritize bringing all of these important measures to the floor before time runs out.

Thank you,

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