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CFE: Weakening tailpipe standards risks health and climate progress

NEW HAVEN, CONN. – President Trump is expected to announce Wednesday afternoon that his administration will hit the brakes on federal standards to reduce tailpipe pollution from cars and trucks.

Donald S. Strait, president of Connecticut Fund for the Environment and its bi-state program Save the Sound, said in response,

“Past administrations have declared war on poverty or war on drugs. This administration seems to be declaring war on the environment. Rolling back tailpipe emission standards is a serious mistake for public health, for our climate, and for American families’ wallets.

“These rules save lives and reduce health care costs by cutting pollution, they save consumers money in fuel costs, and they’re one of our most valuable tools to address climate change. And despite industry rhetoric, the standards have been good for the national economy, as they create jobs and spur long-term growth within the auto industry. Americans know that real job growth comes from innovation.

“Connecticut and other states must forge ahead—public health and the economy depend on bold state action. We call on Governor Malloy and state legislators to continue to move away from dirty fossil fuels by encouraging adoption of fuel-efficient and electric vehicles, strengthening renewable portfolio standards, and setting interim targets to ensure Connecticut stays on track to meet its greenhouse gas reduction commitments.”

The Connecticut Governor’s Council on Climate Change, on which Strait serves, has identified reducing greenhouse gas emissions from cars as essential to the state’s ability to meet its obligations under the 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act. If programs currently in place to increase the number of zero emission and low emission vehicles on the road were to be rolled back, Connecticut will not be able to meet the 2050 targets.

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