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**[GROUP/ORGANIZATION] DECRIES EPA ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT’S REVERSAL OF FEDERAL CLEAN CAR STANDARDS**

**(City, State)** – Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt deemed America’s clean car standards “inappropriate,” reversing the agency’s previous determination that they should continue as planned. In response, [GROUP/ORGANIZATION] released the following statement:

“In his zeal to roll back clean car standards, Scott Pruitt has yet again defied his agency’s own experts. Pruitt is pandering to auto executives and their Washington lobbyists, who want to see the standards unraveled so they can dump dirtier, less efficient vehicles on American drivers.

“The clean car standards are achievable and working, and automakers are on track to meet them at lower cost than originally anticipated. Pruitt should use sound science to do what’s best for the American people instead of making decisions to benefit corporations and big polluters at the expense of our health and pocketbooks. No one voted for more pollution, and no one wants to spend more money on gasoline. But that’s exactly what we’ll get if Trump and Pruitt succeed in rolling back the clean car standards.” said [NAME].

The Obama administration approved the latest clean car standards in 2012, with the support of automakers. In January 2017, the EPA concluded that these standards are working, achievable, and should not be rolled back. Yet, without any change in the facts, Pruitt is reversing that decision, ignoring the thousands of pages of research and analysis that support keeping the standards in place.

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