**Template LTEs: The Trump Administration Rolls Back Clean Car Standards and Attacks States’ Authority**

**Consumer Savings**

The summer driving season has just begun, and gas prices have hit a four-year high. Why then are President Trump, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, and acting NHTSA Administrator Heidi King rolling back money-saving clean cars standards? This reckless and ill-considered policy will force [STATE DEMONYMS] and Americans to pay billions at the gas pump. Instead of standing up for [STATE]’s families and protecting our hard-earned money, the Trump administration is once again doing the bidding of deep-pocketed corporations and Washington lobbyists.

Gas is a big part of my household’s budget. Between paying [RENT/OUR MORTAGE], affording [HEALTHCARE/CHILDCARE], and putting food on the table, my family can’t afford to spend any more at the pump. This isn’t unusual. Lower-to-middle income households spend up to 10 percent of their income on gasoline. The clean car standards help protect families like mine from spikes in oil prices and ensure that cars, pickup trucks, and SUVs go farther on each tank of gas.

It’s clear the Trump administration is working to advance the interests of Big Oil and the auto industry. He and his Dirty Deputies do not care about our savings accounts or hard-earned money. I oppose the administration’s roll back of the clean cars standards and this blatant attack on [STATE]’s families. We need senator [NAME] to do the same and call for the Trump administration to stop their attempts to gut these important protections.

**Public Health**

President Trump, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, and acting NHTSA Administrator Heidi King are on mission to pollute our air and attack our health and environment. They’re rolling back the clean car standards, which will make our air more polluted and worsen climate change.

Clean car standards have dramatically reduced tailpipe pollution from cars and trucks, helping clean up our air and reduce the carbon pollution that is the main driver of climate change. Trump’s decision to gut these standards is a huge step backward for [STATE DEMONYMS] and Americans. 25 million Americans, including 6.3 million children, suffer from asthma. We should be protecting them. Instead, this rollback will to cause more pollution, trigger more asthma attacks, and result in more emergency room visits. We’ll see more negative public health impacts like respiratory diseases and it’s only to get worse with climate change.

The Trump administration should ashamed for risking the health of [STATE DEMONYMS]. I strongly oppose their rollback of these commonsense protections, and I urge senator [NAME] to call on the president and his administration to change course and leave the clean car standards in place.

**State Authority**

President Trump, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, and acting NHTSA Administrator Heidi King are rolling back the clean cars standards. And not only are they undermining public health, they’re also attacking states’ longstanding authority to limit dangerous tailpipe pollution.

That’s a big problem and a mistake. For more than 50 years, states have had the right to put in place stronger limits on tailpipe pollution when federal standards fail to protect their citizens. Rolling back these standards and gutting this authority under the Clean Air Act will hurt all Americans. It will pollute [STATE]’s air, put lives at risk, and force us to spend billions more at the gas pump.

States should be allowed to manage vehicle pollution within their borders and deserve to have the tools to effectively protect their citizens. Unfortunately, Trump and his Dirty Deputies don’t seem to agree. We need senator [NAME] to stand up to the Trump administration by demanding that these standards remain place and fighting to ensure that states continue to have the right to adopt stronger limits on tailpipe pollution. Our health is on the line.