**Template Statement: Trump Administration Rolls Back Clean Car Standards and Attacks State Authority**

**Sample Statement**

[City] (July XX, 2018) – Today, [Organization] released the following statement in response to the Trump Administration’s decision to roll back America’s money-saving clean car standards:

“The Trump Administration will stop at nothing when it comes to tearing down protections that [STATE DEMONYM] families depend on. Rolling back the clean car standards will make our air more polluted and will force drivers into dirtier, less-efficient vehicles that are more expensive to drive. Not content to stop there, Trump and his dirty deputies also want to attack states’ longstanding authority to limit dangerous tailpipe pollution.

“Air pollution is an environmental justice issue; we can’t live freely if we can’t breathe freely. Pollution from cars is especially harmful for African Americans, and even EPA scientists recognize in a [recent study](http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/375289-epa-scientists-find-emissions-greater-impact-low-income-communities) that when it comes to particulate air pollution, the health burden on African Americans is 54 percent higher than the health burden on the American population overall.

“President Trump and newly appointed Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, as well as Acting NHTSA Administrator Heidi King, are playing fast and loose with Americans’ health in their single-minded quest to please auto industry executives and Washington lobbyists. Tearing down successful and achievable climate change and air pollution protections endangers everyone, and slashing money-saving standards just as gas prices hit a four-year high amounts to a direct attack on families who can’t afford to pay more at the pump.

[OPTIONAL BOOT PRUITT TIE-IN: “This rollback is further tainted since it was developed during disgraced former EPA Administrator Pruitt’s time in office, who is still the subject of at least 18 federal investigations into his abuse of taxpayer funds, improper dealings with lobbyists, and other ethics violations. By moving forward with this extreme and senseless proposal, Wheeler demonstrates the same rampant disregard for science and contempt for the mission of his own agency as Pruitt.]

[OPTIONAL SENATE CALL TO ACTION: “Senator [NAME] needs to stand with [STATE] families and oppose Trump, Wheeler, and King’s rollback in no uncertain terms. Slashing these standards will pollute our air and make driving more expensive. It simply does not make sense.]

“We strongly oppose Trump, Wheeler, and King’s toxic agenda and will fight this reckless rollback at every turn.”

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