



January 4, 2024

Shailen Bhatt
Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Final rule for Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

The following group of states and the District of Columbia thank the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for adopting the final rule for Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure.

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| • Arizona | • Hawaii | • New York |
| • California | • Illinois | • Oregon |
| • Colorado | • Maryland | • Pennsylvania |
| • Connecticut | • Michigan | • Vermont |
| • District of Columbia | • Minnesota | • Washington |

Transportation is the largest source of carbon pollution in the United States. As stewards of that system, state departments of transportation (DOTs) can take meaningful actions to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector and, at the same time, better connect our communities, grow our economy, and improve public health. The new rule ensures that state DOTs have updated and uniform transportation GHG emissions data to support investments that measurably reduce pollution.

New clean transportation funding from the federal government further expands the ability of state DOTs and our partners to make measurable progress towards a cleaner, safer, more equitable and resilient transportation system. While state DOTs play a critical role in the transition to a clean energy economy, they cannot do it alone. This common-sense rule will provide important and uniform data to help state DOTs, partners, and stakeholders work together to make progress towards a cleaner, safer, and more equitable transportation system.

We appreciate how the rule requires declining targets and allows states to set targets that meet their unique needs. The flexibility to set individual state targets is important since states have different opportunities and challenges to reducing pollution and different levels of experience tracking and reporting transportation GHG emissions. The rule will help state DOTs advance and expand the reach of our Carbon Reduction and National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Programs.



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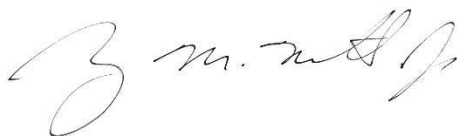
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