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CLEAN CAR ROLLBACK ENDANGERS OUR HEALTH; PUTS FAMILIES' RIGHT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR IN REVERSE

Statement from Dominique Browning, Co-founder and Senior Director of Moms Clean Air Force

(Washington, D.C. – August 2, 2018) Today, Moms Clean Air Force released the following statement in response to the proposal issued by President Trump, Acting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler, and Acting National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator Heidi King to roll back America's health-protective and money-saving clean car standards:

“In their announcement today, the Trump administration has clearly prioritized polluters' profits over our families’ health by proposing to roll back the clean car standards that are helping to keep our air clean, protect our children from climate change, and save us money at the pump. The proposal to abandon existing, effective standards is an affront to American families. With this rollback, our air will become dirtier, our children sicker, and our gas bills bigger. All Americans who cherish their right to breathe clean air should be outraged. In fact, we must hold acting Administrator Wheeler accountable for not doing his job to protect our families from pollution. That accountability starts right now and will only intensify during the public comment process coming up,” said Dominique Browning, the Co-founder and Senior Director of Moms Clean Air Force.

“Let’s be clear: the clean car standards deliver the safe, clean, fuel-efficient cars that our families want and need. They are helping us protect our children's health and future by fighting climate change. Rolling back these standards forces parents into dirtier, less-efficient cars, and is a direct attack on the health of our children. As parents, we expect the big three carmakers to step on the pedal when it comes to pushing for the highest standards possible. Anything less is unacceptable,” added Dominique Browning.

Moms Clean Air Force is a community of more than 1 million moms and dads united against air pollution – including the urgent crisis of our changing climate – to protect our children's health. We work across the US on national and local policy issues, through a vibrant network of state-based field teams. Learn more at www.momscleanairforce.org

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

• For more than a year, Moms Clean Air Force members have been writing letters, signing petitions, and speaking at hearings to oppose any rollback to the clean car standards. On May 22, 2018, a delegation of Midwestern moms delivered thousands of signatures to the corporate headquarters of the Big Three automakers: Ford, GM, and Chrysler. See video made of petition deliveries to Big Three headquarters here.
• Fuel economy regulations protect us, Detroit News, Angela Youngblood is a member of Moms Clean Air Force and lives with her family in Rochester, MI.
• Moms call on US automakers to stand up for public health, The Hill, Molly Rauch is the public health policy director for Moms Clean Air Force.
• Moms Defend Their Right to Clean Air, LA Times Supplement, Angeles Zaragoza, Member of Moms Clean Air Force; Maria Guzman, Community Health Educator, Pacoima Beautiful.

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