June 25, 2019

The Honorary Mary Nichols
Chairman
California Air Resources Board
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Dear Chair Nichols:

On June 20, 2019, the House Energy and Commerce Committee had a hearing on fuel economy and GHG. Your team from California testified, as did representatives from EPA and NHTSA as well as a range of stakeholders who care about affordability, innovation and environmental progress.

What’s clear is that there is a bipartisan commitment in the Committee in the idea of returning to the negotiating table. We know that there are different views about the Constitution, the importance of climate and how best to make sure the economics of the auto sector are strong, along with the traditional and vital question of road safety.

But what came out of the hearing, for many of us, was the idea that the end goal is one we all share, and one we know you support as well – and that is to make sure that manufacturing remains strong, that cars are affordable to Americans and that we do everything we can to make travel safe and clean.

Bipartisanship is difficult sometimes and this issue is no exception. Yet we are united by the view that there is a commonsense solution here that both parties can embrace, and that Washington and California can endorse.

We think folks of good faith can get together, even at this complicated time in D.C., and find a solution that is good for this country. We hope you agree, and that you would support an effort to find common ground.

Sincerely,

Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress

Fred Upton
Member of Congress

Paul Tonko
Member of Congress

John Shimkus
Member of Congress