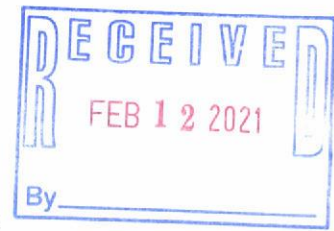


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By: OAH on 2/26/2021 @ 8:14 am



January 2021

Dear Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other interested parties,

As Franciscans who care deeply for our Mother Earth, We, the below-signed individuals, believe that caring for creation and protecting our planet is central to living out our values. In this spirit, we strongly support the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Clean Cars Minnesota standards. These standards would reduce pollution from vehicles, address the climate crisis, and allow our state to be better stewards of our land and natural environment

We support the adoption of the standards for the following reasons:

- Adopting the standards would improve air quality and reduce the number of deaths attributable to air pollution. A 2019 report by the MPCA found that the deaths of 4,000 Minnesotans are attributable to air pollution. Those who are most affected by pollution are often those who can least afford access to healthcare.
- Addressing the climate crisis is an urgent need. These standards would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and are one key step on the path to a decarbonized future. As of 2019, emissions from the transportation sector are the largest source of emissions in our state. If Minnesota is going to meet its emissions reduction goals the proposed vehicle emissions standards will help reduce our transportation sector's carbon footprint.
- Consumers, like us, want more choice around electric vehicles. By adopting these standards, Minnesota car-buyers would have more choices in zero and low emission vehicles.
- Minnesota has the opportunity to be a regional leader in clean transportation and addressing the climate crisis.

As people of faith and conscience, we believe that it is our moral obligation to protect the natural world for generations to come. Together we must act swiftly to address the climate crisis. We strongly encourage the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to adopt these standards.

Sincerely,

*(see next page)*

Clear Car standards petition:

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Minneapolis, MN  
February 23, 2021

Dear Judge Palmer-Denig,

I am a senior citizen, a former Elementary School teacher, and a life long resident of the Twin Cities. Over the years I noticed how air quality affected several of my students. But now at this pandemic time, to see clearly, and feel, the improved air with so few cars on the road (earlier), I see what is meant by "Greenhouse gases". I think we need to act!

I'm writing to support MCPA's adaption of "Clean Cars Minnesota". This would also give consumers choice and long term saving. It would be beautiful if our state can be part of a national move to better health and planet preservation.

Thank you for taking this concern and obvious need into your considerations. I hope you are well, and finding support during these difficult months.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wallenta

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By: OAH on 2/25/21 at 1:44pm

Ms. Sheena Denny  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
600 North Robert Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Clean Cars mandate.

On behalf of the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce's 450 members, we believe this policy is an unreasonable burden for Minnesota businesses, especially those businesses in border communities, like Winona.

There are several reasons for our opposition. First, the considerable price increase it will cause for consumers should be of concern for the MPCA. Estimates indicate that the prices of *all* new vehicles will increase by an average of \$1,100 per vehicle, according to the MPCA itself.

Second, the primary issue keeping Minnesotans from switching to EV's is not supply, but rather, demand. This policy misguidedly increases the supply of EVs but does nothing to incentivize customers to buy more EV's. Perversely, this policy might increase the cost of all vehicles and not meaningfully increase the number of EV's that customers actually buy.

The "Clean Cars" mandate will also reduce options for consumers – specifically options for new trucks or SUVs, since those vehicles will need to meet California emissions standards. With Minnesota dealers required to carry more EV's than they can sell, there will simply be less room on the lot for vehicles that customers actually want to buy. Further, in communities like Winona, customers will be unable to shop for their vehicles across the Wisconsin border, because Wisconsin is not a "California" state. Similarly, Winona dealers who sell to Wisconsin customers, which happens a lot, will be disadvantaged by the artificially high costs that this mandate will yield, reducing their potential market dramatically. Beyond that, not having the ability to dealer trade across our borders in Wisconsin and Iowa, among all other midwestern states, takes the ability that dealers have to get the customer a vehicle they desire out of their hands. That is immensely limiting and restricting to Minnesota dealers.

Finally, this policy is unnecessary for Minnesota. It is no secret that California has terrible air quality and has for decades. That is why they are able to go further and faster than other states in regulating their own emissions. But Minnesota has no air quality problem. California has 148 areas of non-attainment by Federal Ambient Air standards. In contrast, Minnesota has zero areas of non-attainment. Governor Walz is attempting to solve an issue Minnesota does not have and is bypassing the legislature to do so.

This policy is unreasonable, unnecessary for Minnesota, and our members strongly oppose it.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on the proposed Clean Car Mandate and hope our comments are taken into consideration.

Thank you



Christie Ransom

President & CEO

Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

2/25/2021

Office of Administrative Hearing  
Attn: Denise Collins

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St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: new vehicle emission standards

First off how Minnesotans are being informed about these new standards is not convenient for many (Feb 22 + 23<sup>rd</sup> virtual @ 3 p.m.). I read about this in my local newspaper but many do not receive the paper & may not have read it. Trying to access the virtual you needed a 10 digit access code so what was that code??

More government controls & more costs is that what we need NOW? We are already going thru an awful pandemic. Lets be realistic here. I see changes.

Becoming law without enough input by MANY Minnesotans. What may be good for CA may not be a good standard for MN. I see this as a "big hurt" for our farmers that are already hurting immensely. Please consider.



more input before this becomes a law. I'm  
against passing this new vehicle emission standard.

Sincerely,

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February 25, 2021

Dear Denise Collins,

RECD OAH \*21 MAR 1

I did call in on February 22 and February 23 and followed putting in the excess code and what they required and only could hear the meeting and could not voice my opinion. I talked to Amanda Smith about my problem twice and she said I'm sorry to hear your frustration for we do want to hear the public's input. Sad to say that was not true.

Since we are going through COVID-19 (man made) and experiencing financial problems, we don't need to compound the problem further at this time.

Farmers have to rely on the weather in which to get crops off the fields and sometimes they don't get a good crop and besides that an electric tractor etc. would be a problem for them financially.

We are not like California and should not feel like we have to be like them. They live by an ocean and Minnesota does not.

Trees need carbon dioxide to live along with water. Trees take care of pollution and is there for the birds and wildlife. So why would we want to get rid of gas vehicles?

Therefore I am against this California (adopted) vehicle emission standard. The Federal guide lines on vehicles are sufficient enough.

Sincerely,

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