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### MEMORANDUM

October 24, 2019

**To: Members of the Subcommittee on Environment**

**Fr: Majority Staff**

**Re: Subcommittee on Environment Hearing on “Trump’s Wrong Turn on Clean Cars: The Effects of Fuel Efficiency Rollbacks on the Climate, Car Companies and California”**

On **Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the Trump Administration’s decision to roll back Obama-era fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks, and to revoke the waiver permitting California to set its own vehicle emissions standards.

#### I. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine the health and environmental impacts of the proposal to freeze Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards at 2020 levels, rolling back the Obama Administration’s guidelines that would increase standards to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. The Subcommittee will probe the fossil fuel industry’s influence over the regulatory decision-making process at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under President Trump, and will also address the consequences of denying California the right to set its own, historically more stringent tailpipe emissions standards.

#### II. WITNESSES

##### **Panel One**

**The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.**  
Former Governor of California

**The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse**  
U.S. Senator from Rhode Island

**Panel Two**

**Dr. Antonio M. Bento**

Professor of Public Policy and Economics  
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**The Honorable Samuel Liccardo**

Mayor of San José, California

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