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The Honorable Andrew R. Wheeler  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

We are writing you about internal combustion engine (ICE) efficiency standards. BP is committed to addressing the dual challenge of providing the world more energy while producing and delivering it in new ways with fewer emissions. BP believes liquid fuels and efficient ICEs are critical for meeting transportation needs as we transition to a lower carbon economy. The track record is impressive: from 2004 to 2018, vehicle fuel economy has increased by 32% while CO2 emissions dropped by 25%. These improvements occurred even as automakers reacted to consumer demands for larger and more powerful vehicles.

BP appreciates the need to balance efficiency and GHG reductions with safety, affordability, and other considerations. At the same time, we believe – along with many of the auto OEMs – that continuous improvement in ICE efficiency is possible. We urge EPA and NHTSA to continue working with automakers and other relevant experts to find a path that effectively balances these issues and continues the impressive trajectory of efficiency improvements we already see with the ICE.

Thank you for considering our recommendation. BP looks forward to continuing to play our role in developing and providing cleaner fuels and lubricants to an increasingly efficient fleet of vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Douglas Sparkman", written in a cursive style.

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Chief Operating Officer  
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<sup>1</sup> US Environmental Protection Agency. *2018 EPA Automotive Trends Report*. Data available at [www.epa.gov/automotive-trends/explore-automotive-trends-data](http://www.epa.gov/automotive-trends/explore-automotive-trends-data). Accessed June 13, 2019.