Mr. Chairman, H.R. 724 is a noncontroversial amendment to the Clean Air Act.

In 1977, Congress amended the Clean Air Act to require auto dealers to provide a certificate to each purchaser of a new passenger car or truck certifying that the vehicle conforms to the pollution control requirements for such a vehicle.

At that time, this requirement made sense. Catalytic converters for pollution control were often installed at the dealership, and the certification requirement was intended to hold the dealers responsible for making sure that the pollution controls were installed and working.
But today, pollution controls are built into the vehicles by the manufacturers, who are fully responsible for the functioning of the pollution control equipment.

Therefore, this requirement is no longer necessary. The legislation before us would simply repeal this unnecessary requirement.

I had just one concern about this bill. I did not want it to become a vehicle for other changes to the Clean Air Act. I have gotten the assurance of Mr. Latta that the majority will not allow this to happen.

With that assurance, I believe this is common sense legislation and I urge all members to support it.