



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**



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Ms. Julia M. Rege
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Re: Petition for Rulemaking – 49 C.F.R. Part 578

Dear Ms. Rege:

I am writing in response to the petition for rulemaking you submitted on October 2, 2020, on behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation regarding the model years to which an inflation adjustment to the civil penalty rate for violations of fuel economy standards would apply. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) also received supplemental information from multiple individual vehicle manufacturers.

After careful consideration of the petition and supplemental information received, and in accordance with 49 CFR § 552.8, your petition for rulemaking is granted. NHTSA notes that its granting of this petition does not prejudice the outcome of the rulemaking or necessarily mean that a final rule will be issued. The determination of whether to issue a rule will be made on the basis of all available information developed in the course of the rulemaking proceeding.

At this time, NHTSA is continuing to evaluate compliance with applicable fuel economy standards for Model Year 2018.

Sincerely,

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