

Comment from Stewart Pravda

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Dear Transportation Secretary Buttigieg,

As a person of faith and conscience, I am writing to ask you to enact the boldest and strongest possible clean car standards. My current vehicle is a hybrid and gets approximately 45 mpg. It is a safe, comfortable, reliable car. As a city dweller I could not easily get an electric car but would love to do that as the recharging network improves. But as a city dweller I don't put too many miles on the car but when I drive I am glad that I am doing so in a highly efficient vehicle. Climate change is the major crisis of our time.

Stronger fuel economy standards will reduce pollution. This will reduce health care costs and protect our health, particularly of the most vulnerable in our communities. Stronger standards will also spur innovation in the development of new clean car technologies and electrification of the transportation sector. If we fail to drive toward 100% clean car sales by 2030, or soon thereafter, we will fall behind other countries who have a clear vision of a clean energy future. The window for meaningful action to address climate change is closing. We ask NHSTA to do its part to address climate pollution starting with the largest sources like transportation.

This is a moral opportunity to follow the science and show the world that the U.S. is serious about enacting climate solutions. It is possible and it can be done in a way that is beneficial to our country and to the world.

I urge you to finalize Alternative 3, which will push automakers to make the most efficient vehicles possible.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.