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Dear Senator:

This week the Senate may take up Senator Murkowski's disapproval resolution that would overturn the EPA's endangerment finding on greenhouse gas emissions. The UAW opposes this misguided effort and urges you to vote against this disapproval resolution.

In our judgment, Congress should move forward to enact comprehensive climate change legislation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Although we recognize the difficulties involved in this effort, we believe that legislation can be crafted that will reduce global warming pollution while at the same time creating jobs and providing a boost to our economy. In particular, we believe such legislation can help to provide significant investment in domestic production of advanced technology vehicles and their key components, as well as other energy saving technologies. But such progress would be undermined if a disapproval resolution were to overturn EPA's endangerment finding.

The UAW understands the concerns that have been expressed about EPA attempting to use its authority under the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from various industries. However, we believe the best way to address these concerns is for Congress to move forward with comprehensive climate change legislation that properly balances concerns of various regions and sectors, and establishes a new coherent national program to combat climate change.

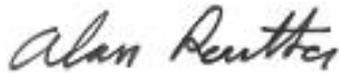
The UAW also is deeply concerned that overturning EPA's endangerment finding would unravel the historic agreement on one national standard for fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions for light duty vehicles that was negotiated by the Obama administration last year. As a result of this agreement among all stakeholders, NHTSA and EPA engaged in a joint rulemaking effort that will result in significant reductions in fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 2016. At the same time, these joint rules retain the structural components that Congress enacted in the 2007 energy legislation, thereby providing important flexibility to full line manufacturers and a backstop for the domestic car fleet. Most importantly, California and other states have agreed to forgo state-level regulation of tailpipe emissions and abide by the new national standard that has been created by these NHTSA and EPA rules. This will avoid the burdens that would have been placed on automakers if they had been forced to comply with a multitude of federal and state standards. The UAW is very pleased

that all stakeholders recently agreed to continue efforts to extend this national standard from 2016 to 2025.

However, the critically important progress that has been achieved with these historic agreements will be undermined if EPA's endangerment finding is overturned. Without this finding, EPA may not be able to implement the current rule on light duty vehicles. In the absence of the EPA standard, California and other states could move forward with their standards, thereby subjecting auto manufacturers to all of the burdens that the one national standard was designed to avoid.

For all of these reasons, the UAW opposes Senator Murkowski's disapproval resolution that seeks to overturn EPA's endangerment finding. We urge you to vote against this measure. Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Reuther". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alan Reuther
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