Washington, DC, (August 2, 2018) – Today, Creation Justice Ministries released the following statement in response to the Trump administration’s decision to initiate a public comment period regarding rolling back fuel economy and greenhouse gas emission standards for U.S. cars:

“Today, the Trump administration tore down protections that families depend on. Rolling back the clean car standards will make our air more polluted and will force drivers into dirtier, less-efficient vehicles that are more expensive to drive.

When it comes to air pollution and climate change, low-income communities, communities of color, children, and older adults bear a disproportionate health burden of pollution. Ignoring these truths and spurning our obligation to protect the most vulnerable among us is morally wrong.

Faith communities have long been active in protecting God’s gift of clean air, and Creation Justice Ministries has specifically advocated for clean car standards over the years. By dismantling protections like the clean car standards, the Trump administration is breaking faith with the faith community.

President Trump and newly appointed Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, as well as Acting NHTSA Administrator Heidi King, should not tear down successful and achievable climate change and air pollution protections. Instead, they should focus on protecting human health and vulnerable populations from air pollution.”

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