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**President Obama Announced New Clean Car Standards That Will Reduce
Pollution and Save Illinois Drivers More Than \$500 Million Per Year**

Statement of the Environmental Law & Policy Center

CHICAGO, Illinois—Today, President Obama announced new nationwide pollution reduction and fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks. The new standards will largely track the clean car standards being advocated by the Environmental Law & Policy Center and considered by the Illinois General Assembly in HB422 and SB1941.

“President Obama is driving automakers to develop cleaner cars and innovative pollution reduction technologies that the public wants,” said Howard A. Learner, Executive Director of the Environmental Law & Policy Center. “Illinois drivers will save more than \$500 million per year by using 280 million gallons less of gasoline when these standards take hold.”

The Environmental Law and Policy Center has been building support for the Illinois Clean Cars Act (SB 1941, HB 422). “Cleaner cars will benefit public health, decrease our dependence on foreign oil, and help reduce global warming pollution,” said Learner.

The new clean car standards will cut global warming pollution from passenger vehicles by 30 percent by 2016. The transportation sector is the second largest source of global warming pollution nationwide. Pollution from cars and trucks is also a leading cause of asthma and other public health problems.

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