<u>A new letter</u> from a coalition of nearly 60 national and state energy, fuel retailer, auto parts and agriculture groups was just sent to House Speaker Mike Johnson and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries urging bipartisan support for <u>H.R. 4468</u>, the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act (CARS Act), ahead of Wednesday's scheduled vote on the measure.

The letter—signed by groups including The National Corn Growers Association, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), the Agricultural Retailers Association, the American Exploration & Production Council, the American Petroleum Institute (API), Energy Marketers of America (EMA), <u>NATSO (representing America's travel centers and truck stops)</u>, SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)—raises the following points:

- "Mandating a single-technology approach to reducing the carbon intensity of transportation is bad for consumers, farmers, energy independence, and national security."
- "American consumers should have a choice in the type of vehicle they buy. They balance cost, features, range, emissions footprint, and other factors to make a purchase decision. By focusing exclusively on electric vehicle technology, EPA is ripping that decision out of consumers' hands and dictating the type of vehicle they can purchase."
- "The U.S. is the world's leading energy and agricultural provider, a fact that should be a source of pride. EPA's proposed rule would discard decades of domestic economic and energy progress in favor of an industrial policy supporting geopolitical rivals controlling the vast majority of the battery and critical mineral supply chain."
- "The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023 would enhance competition among different vehicle technologies and fuels to reduce emissions. American consumers should have the choice to purchase a vehicle that supports their families' needs, whether petroleum fuels, biofuels, electricity, or any other fuel type power a vehicle."

<u>Read the letter</u> in its entirety here and see additional background including polling showing strong public opposition to EPA's tailpipe rule <u>here</u>.

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