WASHINGTON, D.C. — American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) President and CEO Chet Thompson today issued the following statement on NHTSA's newly finalized Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards:

> *"This final rule is yet another Biden administration policy that furthers its effort to force the electrification of the transportation fleet despite what consumers want or need in a vehicle. It is unlawful and bad for consumers, the U.S. economy and our national security."*

What to know:

1. **CAFE is part of the administration's whole-of-government effort to force gas cars out of the market**, taking vehicle choice away from American consumers. The only way to meet the standards—50.4 MPG by 2031—is with a fleet dominated by EVs.

2. **NHTSA acted unlawfully in setting the standards. EVs cannot be included in the baseline when setting CAFE standards.**

    - Congress, through EPCA, instructed NHTSA to set standards feasible for gas- and diesel-powered vehicles. EPCA says plainly that NHTSA "may not consider" the fuel economy of electric vehicles and "dual-fueled vehicles" running on electricity when setting fuel-economy standards for passenger cars.

        - In direct contradiction, NHTSA proposed MPG standards that include EVs in their baseline and modeling, and grants EVs significant MPG credit.

3. **CAFE will cost consumers far more than anything government considered when proposing the rule.**

    - A CAFE compliance scenario that depends on significantly more EVs represents far greater costs to the U.S. consumers and disruption to the U.S. economy than NHTSA presented.

    - NHTSA did not thoroughly consider costs to upgrade and expand the grid, which is needed to support CAFE compliance.

    - The public did not have an opportunity to assess how DOE's final petroleum equivalency factor (PEF) will impact CAFE compliance costs (potential for greater compliance penalties and vehicle cross-subsidization).

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