



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

June 7, 2007

Dear Candidate:

I am writing the major presidential candidates of both parties to ask for your immediate assistance -- by June 15 -- in the fight by California and 11 other states to adopt standards aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our states. As President Bush discusses global warming at the G-8 Summit in Germany, his Environmental Protection Agency here at home has been blocking efforts by the 12 states to cut vehicle greenhouse gas emissions. There is still time to convince EPA to allow the states to move forward, or at least to bolster the states' legal case in the event that our work to combat global warming is thwarted by the federal government.

You probably know that California has adopted landmark global warming regulations to cut motor vehicle greenhouse emissions 30 percent by 2016. The Clean Air Act specifically allows California to adopt standards stronger than federal regulations, and then allows other states to adopt the California standards. But we cannot implement the new regulations until EPA grants us what is called a waiver. The EPA has been stalling on our waiver request for more than a year, and the official record on which EPA must act closes on June 15.

As one who may be the next president of the United States, I believe that your written statement, which we will submit to EPA as part of the legal record, will help bolster our case. I urge you to give us the strongest possible statement for submission to EPA. Even those who believe the federal government should not act at this time to combat global warming should agree that, under the states rights doctrine, individual states should be allowed to act in an area where they believe the health of their citizens is at stake.

Global warming is the most important long-term environmental, economic and security issue facing our country and the world, and the stakes have never been higher. Scientists from all corners of the globe present powerful evidence that manmade greenhouse gasses are threatening our way of life. Further delay may be our peril.

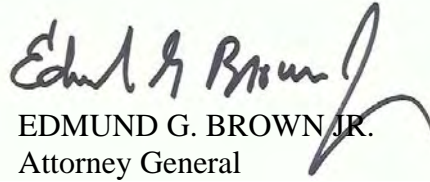
For your information, the states which have already adopted the California standards are Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. These states represent one-third of our country's population, and together we are waiting to move forward with the most comprehensive effort to combat global warming in U.S. history. Several other states are considering similar legislation, but we need EPA's approval for these landmark environmental rules to be enacted.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. If California and the other states are allowed to move forward, we will be taking a strong step forward in our battle against global warming. Your support can make a huge difference, both in the EPA process and as part of the legal record in the event EPA refuses our request and we are forced to seek judicial relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", is written over a light green rectangular background. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Attorney General