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ARB restates commitment to establishing a national vehicle greenhouse gas standard

In response to inaccurate reports that California may pull out of an agreement regarding greenhouse gas standards announced last May by the White House, Chairman Mary D. Nichols of the California Air Resources Board made the following statement:

"The California Air Resources Board is fully committed to the agreement to establish a national vehicle greenhouse gas standard announced last May by President Obama in the Rose Garden," said ARB Chairman Mary D. Nichols. "There are still difficult technical issues to be resolved, as is to be expected in developing any pioneering rule, but we are confident that they will be worked out successfully. We look forward to working with both the EPA and the Department of Transportation in a spirit of cooperation to ensure the complete success of the Rose Garden agreement."

The Air Resources Board is a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency. ARB's mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering effects on the economy. The ARB oversees all air pollution control efforts in California to attain and maintain health based air quality standards.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy cost, see our web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov>

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