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June 13, 2007

The Honorable Mary E. Peters
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

Thank you for the prompt response to the letter I sent yesterday regarding the Department's lobbying of Congress to oppose efforts by California and other states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles. The letter from Acting General Counsel Rosalind A. Knapp confirms that there was an organized effort by multiple Department officials to contact multiple members of Congress in order to urge them to file comments opposing California's request for a Clean Air Act waiver.¹

The partial description of the Department's efforts contained in Ms. Knapp's letter demonstrates the need for a thorough examination of the facts. In order to assist the Committee with its oversight duties, I reiterate my request for all documents relating to (1) communications with members of Congress or their staffs regarding the California waiver request or (2) communications with EPA or other federal entities, including the White House, regarding the California waiver request. The Committee also expects the Department to make Ms. Heideh Shahmoradi available for a transcribed interview or deposition by Committee staff.

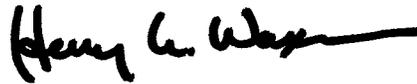
I look forward to receiving the requested documents and opportunity for staff to interview Ms. Shahmoradi by June 25, 2007.

¹ Letter from Rosalind A. Knapp, Acting General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, to Rep. Henry A. Waxman (June 12, 2007).

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If you have any questions concerning this request, please have your staff contact Greg Dotson or Jeff Baran of the Committee staff at 202-225-4407.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry A. Waxman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member