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Dear Representative:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy association, I write in strong support of H.J.Res. 136, a resolution to repeal the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) light-and medium-duty vehicle emissions standards rule. The EPA's rule created a de facto electric vehicle mandate that would limit consumer choices and increase costs for small businesses. *H.J.Res.* 136 will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

In a recent NFIB member ballot, 96% of NFIB members believe that the federal government should not restrict the purchase of consumer products like new gas-powered vehicles. NFIB is concerned that this rule will significantly increase the purchase price of the trucks that small businesses rely on for everyday business needs.

NFIB represents approximately 300,000 small and independent businesses across the country, many of which are based in rural areas. These small businesses must have access to affordable and reliable energy and transportation options. This rule does the opposite. It would force small businesses and consumers to utilize a vehicle in locations that lack the capacity to ensure reliability.

NFIB strongly supports H.J.Res. 136, and it will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mandate, vol. 583, NFIB Member Ballot, October 2023, Should the federal government ban or restrict the purchase of consumer products like new gas-powered vehicles and equipment or natural gas cooktops? (Yes: 2% No: 96% Undecided: 2%).