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Attorney General Frosh Joins Coalition in Calling for Immediate Halt to Former EPA Administrator Pruitt's Parting Gift to Polluters

BALTIMORE, MD (July 13, 2018) - Joining a coalition of 13 Attorneys General, the California Air Resources Board, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Attorney General Frosh today submitted a [letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) demanding the immediate withdrawal of an order issued on now-departed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's final day in office. The order effectively suspends the EPA's 2016 Glider Rule for a year. The Glider Rule mandates that most engines installed in "gliders" – new heavy-duty truck bodies outfitted with refurbished or rebuilt pre-2010 highly polluting engines – meet the same emissions standards applicable to all newly manufactured engines. In a memorandum dated July 6, 2018, the EPA committed to take no action to enforce the Glider Rule's annual manufacturing cap of 300 gliders per company. This cap is meant to protect our air from the excessive smog-forming and particulate-matter pollution emitted by outdated engines.

"Pruitt's last act is an unhappy ending for people with asthma, emphysema and other cardiovascular health problems," said Attorney General Frosh. "Our air will be dirtier and our health will suffer if Pruitt's order allowing this pollution is permitted to stand."

The EPA has estimated that adding 10,000 gliders with non-compliant engines onto our roads in a single year could result in up to 1,600 premature deaths, 415,000 tons of additional nitrogen oxide emissions, and 6,800 tons of additional particulate matter emissions. The action taken on former Administrator Pruitt's last day will allow the sale of trucks that produce 20 to 40 times more emissions of hazardous pollutants than new, more fuel efficient trucks. These high-polluting trucks are linked to asthma, low birth weight, infant mortality, and lung cancer. In Maryland, and elsewhere, the rest of the trucking industry has already made substantial investments to comply with stringent emissions standards. These industries would face an uneven playing field if forced to compete against unregulated, high-polluting glider manufacturers who avoid such investments.

Today's letter was led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra. In addition to California and Maryland, the letter was signed by attorneys general from Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Washington. The California Air Resources Board and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection are also part of the coalition.