WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, **American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM)** President and CEO Chet Thompson and **American Petroleum Institute (API)** President and CEO Mike Sommers issued the following statement on EPA's newly finalized light-duty vehicle standards covering model years 2027-2032:

> *"At a time when millions of Americans are struggling with high costs and inflation, the Biden administration has finalized a regulation that will unequivocally eliminate most new gas cars and traditional hybrids from the U.S. market in less than a decade. As much as the President and EPA claim to have 'eased' their approach, nothing could be further from the truth. This regulation will make new gas-powered vehicles unavailable or prohibitively expensive for most Americans. For them, this wildly unpopular policy is going to feel and function like a ban.*

> *"Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, Congress has to make a decision whether to protect consumer choice, U.S. manufacturing workers and our hard-won energy security by overturning this deeply flawed regulation. Short of that, our organizations are certainly prepared to challenge it in court."*

Fast facts:

- Last year, **gas cars accounted for 92% of U.S. vehicle sales** (per Cox Automotive, **less than 8% were electric**). More than a third of EV sales occurred in California. Nine of the top 10 vehicles sold last year were gas models, with pickup trucks and SUVs leading sales.
- EPA's light duty vehicle regulation covers passenger cars and trucks, model years 2027-2032. By 2032, the regulation will require cars and trucks sold in the United States to meet a **fleetwide average tailpipe emissions standard of 85 grams/mile**.
- This standard is **designed to force electric vehicle (EV) adoption** and have EVs account for the majority of new car sales by 2032.
- Today, **only EVs and five plug in hybrid (PHEV) models meet the 85 grams/mile threshold** (see fueleconomy.gov). **No gas, diesel or traditional hybrids come close.**
- To be able to sell any of those cars in the years ahead and still meet the fleetwide average, **autos will have to sell significantly more EVs**—regardless of whether that aligns with consumer demand.
- **75% of U.S. registered voters** oppose government policies that would ban new gasoline, diesel and traditional hybrid vehicles, including 80% of Independent voters and 56% of Democrats (per Ipsos poll).

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