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U.S. House Passes Congressional Resolutions to Overturn the “California Car” Mandate

From EMA

The House of Representatives approved three Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions to overturn Biden-era rules granting Clean Air Act waivers to California. The resolutions, would overturn the Environmental Protection Agency’s approval of the Clean Air Act waiver for California’s Advanced Clean Cars (ACC II) rule, along with approved federal waivers for the State’s clean trucks and heavy-duty NOx rules. 10 Democrats supported the Congressional Resolution to stop California from dictating which cars motorists should drive and 13 democrats voted to block California’s electric truck mandate.

The CRA resolutions were strongly supported by the Energy Marketers of America. Under the CRA, Congress is empowered to review “rules” issued by federal agencies, including EPA, before the rules take effect. Congress may review a rule for a period of 60 days and then disapprove it using special procedures, including a joint resolution of disapproval. The EPA transmitted the three waiver approvals to Congress earlier this year, starting the clock for review of the waivers by lawmakers.

Now the House approved resolutions head to the Senate where chances of success are likely, however, there does remain a few outstanding procedural questions. That’s because Senate parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough, who acts as the Senate’s independent referee, disagrees that the CRA can be used to overturn California’s emissions standard rules. Her ruling followed a Government Accountability Office opinion issued last month saying that California’s waivers aren’t federal rules subject to CRA. GOP Senators Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, John Curtis and John Cornyn remain undecided. The GOP needs 51 votes to approve the CRA so they can only lose two votes.

California’s ACC II rule includes a mandate for vehicle manufacturers to sell increasing percentages of zero-emission vehicles in the State, beginning in model year 2026, and culminating in a ban on internal combustion engine-powered vehicles in 2035. To date, 17 states have adopted portions of California’s light- and heavy-duty vehicle regulations. By design, California’s ACC II rules operate to reduce the liquid fuels market by giving preferential treatment to electric vehicles, thereby injuring energy marketers and others who participate in the market. EPA’s waivers not only increase vehicle costs but also increase the costs of goods and the cost of living for American families.

EMA calls on energy marketers to contact their Senators, urging them to support the CRA resolutions of disapproval for the California waivers and restoring vehicle choice for all Americans.

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Members Invited to Attend NACS Industry Update Luncheon in Richmond, May 20

VPCMA is co-hosting the NACS Industry Update Luncheon being held at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, presented by Henry Armour, NACS President & CEO. The event begins at 11:00am and runs until 2:30pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to network with your peers, enjoy a complimentary lunch and learn about what's going on in the convenience and retail fuels industry as well as important Federal legislative and regulatory issues facing our industry.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. To register, [click this link](#) or go to <https://www.convenience.org/events/Industry-Update-Luncheons>.

If you have questions, please contact KC Kingsbury at NACS at kkingsbury@convenience.org.

We hope you can make it...please don't miss out on this unique opportunity to network with industry peers from across the region and hear what's happening in the industry!

Thank You EMA PAC Contributors

Earlier this month we initiated our solicitation for contributions to the Energy Marketers Association (EMA) of America's Political Action Committee. As a VPCMA member, you are automatically a member of EMA which lobbies Congress and interacts with many regulatory agencies that impact the nation's fuel marketers. An important component of that representation is supporting those elected officials who support us on Capitol Hill. Federal political contributions must be made by **personal check**. We hope that you will join us in sending a check for \$150 made out to "**EMA PAC**." Please mail to the office as follows:

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The deadline is approaching for the VPCMA Scholarship program applications. This program is open to VPCMA members, their employees, and the children of VPCMA member company employees. Awards are made after review by the Association's scholarship committee, which considers need as well as academic achievement in their evaluations. Recipients **must be Virginia residents**, high school graduates by June of this year, and attend a post secondary institution of higher education in the fall of 2025. You can view the [application here](#). Complete applications must be received by May 15. You may also distribute or post [this flyer](#) for your employees.

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VPCMA 77th Annual Meeting
September 28-30, 2025
The Williamsburg Lodge
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Registration and other details available in June!

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