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Attorney General Phil Weiser Files Amicus Brief in lawsuit challenging federal rollback of vehicle emissions standards

Feb. 15, 2019 (DENVER, Colo.) — The federal government’s decision to rollback vehicle emissions and fuel-economy standards will cause more harmful emissions, increase the severity of climate change, and pollute our state, says Attorney General Phil Weiser in a friend of the court brief he has filed in federal court in *California v. EPA*.

California and 17 other states filed the lawsuit in federal court to defend the nation’s fuel-economy standards to improve air quality. The brief explains why the federal government’s actions are unlawful, conflict with sound science, and directly contradict public statements by America’s largest automaker, Ford Motor Company.

“Colorado faces significant impacts from climate change. Colorado has an environment that is particularly sensitive to changes in climate, relying extensively on snowpack to provide water to its residents. In addition, Colorado faces the risk of more extreme storms, forest fires, and disruption to its outdoor recreation and agricultural economies due to climate change,” Weiser argues in the *amicus* brief. As Coloradans, the brief explains, “we are leaders in protecting our planet for future generations, and we must defend regulations governing these emissions standards protecting our land, air and water.”

The amicus brief can be found [here](#).

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