



## **Cosponsor the *State Emissions Authority Act***

### **Background**

For decades, the Clean Air Act has required states in certain “nonattainment” areas to operate motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs, commonly known as emissions testing. These mandates were put in place in the 1970s and 1990s, long before modern engine technology, improved fuel standards, and the significant reductions in vehicle emissions we have seen over time.

Today, many states and drivers believe these requirements are outdated, costly, and no longer aligned with current vehicle performance. Mandatory emissions testing can impose real burdens on working families, requiring time off work, testing fees, and repair costs that often provide little measurable benefit, particularly for newer vehicles that rarely fail.

Small businesses that rely on vehicle fleets face repeated downtime and added compliance costs. At the same time, state governments must dedicate staff and resources to administer programs that many residents view as unnecessary.

### **Summary**

The *State Emissions Authority Act* restores flexibility to the states by removing federal mandates requiring vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs under the Clean Air Act. Specifically, the bill:

- Eliminates federal facility compliance requirements tied to state inspection programs.
- Strikes statutory provisions requiring I/M programs in ozone nonattainment areas.
- Removes the federal mandates for inspection programs within the Ozone Transport Region.

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