



# Competitive Enterprise Institute v. NHTSA (D.C. Cir.)

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## **Issue**

The issue in this case is whether federal administrative agencies have authority under the Clean Air Act (“CAA”) to relax certain vehicle emissions standards.

## **AMA Interest**

The AMA believes that emission limitations for motor vehicles should be maintained until scientific data demonstrate that the limitations are no longer required to protect public health.

## **Case Summary**

The Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) promulgated a regulation that would relax vehicle emission standards. The plaintiffs contend that the EPA and NHTSA committed procedural violations while enacting the regulations and, further, that the regulations substantively violate the CAA. These cases are being held in abeyance while the government considers further administrative steps.

## **Litigation Center Involvement**

The Litigation Center and the American Thoracic Society, along with other public health organizations, submitted a brief to support the plaintiffs.

D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals Brief