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Governor Bill Richardson Praises President Obama's New Clean Car and Fuel Efficiency Standards

New Mexico Has Been a Leader on Clean Car Standards from the Beginning, Federal Efforts Complement State's

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson applauded President Obama's new fuel efficiency and clean car standards that complement New Mexico's regulations. The standards will reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil and help combat global warming.

"President Obama's new fuel efficiency and tailpipe emission standards are a great victory for our state because our clean car rules now become a national effort," Governor Richardson said. "The standards mean cleaner air and greater health protection from the effects of pollution for our citizens. President Obama embodies great leadership by not only helping bail out the auto industry but by helping it retool for a cleaner, more profitable future."

"Clean car standards are a weapon in the arsenal in addressing global warming," said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. "The new federal standards parallel the clean cars rules New Mexico passed last year and complement what New Mexico has been leading on and fighting for from the beginning."

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