

## **ANALYSIS: AMERICANS WILL SAVE OVER \$44 BILLION AT THE PUMP, SHARPLY REDUCE CARBON POLLUTION UNDER HIGHER MPG STANDARDS**

***Top 20 States for Consumer Benefits Listed: Texas, California and Florida Do Best for Total Pocketbook Savings; Impact of Higher MPG Standards Equal to Removing Emissions From 40 Million Vehicles for a Year.***

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – October 5, 2011** – A new analysis by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), which are both members of the Go60MPG.org coalition, shows that new fuel economy standards announced by the Obama administration to require automakers to achieve a fleet fuel economy average of 54.5 miles per gallon (MPG) and emit 163 grams of carbon dioxide per mile by 2025 will:

- Save Americans \$44.3 billion dollars at the gas pump;
- Slash the nation’s dependence on oil by 23.7 billion gallons of oil in 2030; and
- Reduce heat-trapping carbon pollution by 280 million metric tons – the equivalent of having 40 million fewer vehicles on the road in that year.

The new NRDC/UCS findings also reveal that the top three states that will benefit the most from the new standards are (1) Texas, (2) California and (3) Florida. You can find the full analysis, including fuel bill net savings in all 50 states, at [www.go60mpg.org/docs/NRDC\\_UCS-State\\_by\\_State\\_Savings-FINAL\\_9-11.pdf](http://www.go60mpg.org/docs/NRDC_UCS-State_by_State_Savings-FINAL_9-11.pdf).

Natural Resources Defense Council Senior Vehicles Analyst Luke Tonachel said: **“As shown in our analysis, raising fuel efficiency standards to the new level will deliver significant economic, environmental, and national security benefits. Americans will be able to keep thousands of dollars in their pocket over the life of a new vehicle, while breathing cleaner air. It’s a win-win for everyone involved.”**

Union of Concerned Scientists’ Clean Vehicles Program Senior Washington Representative Brendan Bell said: **“Strong standards will help lower the cost of driving for consumers in every state. Automakers have the technology to make any car, truck, or SUV cleaner and more fuel efficient. No matter where you live or what kind of vehicle you drive, these standards will save you money at the gas pump.”**

The top 20 states that would see the most benefit from the new fuel economy standards are as follows:

### **TOP 20 STATES FOR TOTAL NET POCKETBOOK SAVINGS IN 2030**

1. Texas - \$5.024 billion (\$425 per household)
2. California – \$4.954 billion (\$314 per household)
3. Florida – \$4.223 billion \$371 per household)
4. North Carolina - \$1.768 billion (\$372 per household)
5. Georgia - \$1.607 billion (\$364 per household)
6. Arizona - \$1.536 billion (\$387 per household)
7. New York - \$1.485 billion (\$205 per household)
8. Virginia – \$1.366 billion (\$365 per household)

9. Illinois - \$1.190 billion (\$240 per household)
10. Tennessee - \$1.148 billion (\$396 per household)
11. Washington – \$1.060 billion (\$319 per household)
12. Ohio - \$1.058 billion (\$234 per household)
13. Pennsylvania – \$991 million (\$200 per household)
14. Michigan - \$976 million (\$240 per household)
15. Maryland - \$960 million (\$365 per household)
16. Massachusetts - \$881 million (\$327 per household)
17. Colorado – \$825 million (\$370 per household)
18. Missouri - \$793 million (\$314 per household)
19. Minnesota – \$767 million (\$316 per household)
20. Louisiana - \$739 million (\$415 per household)

The new standards are fleet average requirements, which means that some vehicles would have higher fuel efficiency and some would be lower. The standards are pegged to specific laboratory tests instead of real-world driving conditions. In 2025, cars and trucks will average closer to 40 miles per gallon in actual driving, which is nearly double today's on-road average of 22 mpg.

### **ABOUT THE GROUPS**

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is an international nonprofit environmental organization with more than 1.3 million members and online activists. Since 1970, our lawyers, scientists, and other environmental specialists have worked to protect the world's natural resources, public health, and the environment. NRDC has offices in New York City, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Livingston, Montana, and Beijing. Visit us at [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org).

The Union of Concerned Scientists is the leading U.S. science-based nonprofit organization working for a healthy environment and a safer world. Founded in 1969, UCS is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and also has offices in Berkeley, Chicago and Washington, D.C. For more information, go to [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org).

Go60MPG is a joint effort of Environment America, the National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, the Safe Climate Campaign, the Sierra Club, and the Union of Concerned Scientists. American ingenuity and technology can make all-new cars and trucks cleaner and more fuel-efficient. It's one of the biggest steps America can take towards saving money at the gas pump, cleaning up our air, and ending America's oil dependence. That's why Go60MPG is rallying public support to raise fuel efficiency standards for new cars to at least 60 miles per gallon and no more than 143 grams per mile of carbon pollution by 2025. Go60MPG also wants to see improvements in America's big rigs and other work trucks.

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