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From: Alliance for Automotive Innovation
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Subject: Ex Parte Meeting on Petroleum Equivalency Factor

Alliance for Automotive Innovation is providing this memorandum pursuant to the Department of Energy's guidance on ex parte communications (74 Fed. Reg. 52795, Oct. 14, 2009).

On April 29, 2026, Alliance for Automotive Innovation (Auto Innovators) met with the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the petroleum-equivalent fuel economy calculation established by the Secretary of Energy under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 32904(b)(2).

Participants for Auto Innovators were:

- Hilary Cain, Senior Vice President, Policy
- Charlie Haake, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel
- Dan Bowerson, Vice President, Energy and Environment Policy
- Michael Hartrick, Senior Director and Executive Advisor, Energy and Environment Policy
- Taylor Amato, Director, Legal, Energy and Environment

Participants for DOE were:

- Andrew Freigang, Special Advisor, Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation
- Austin Brown, Director, Transportation Technologies Office
- Joshua Campbell, Deputy General Counsel
- Ami Grace-Tardy, Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency

The issues discussed during the meeting were DOE's recent Petroleum-Equivalent Fuel Economy Calculation interim final rule (91 Fed. Reg. 7810, Feb. 19, 2026), the follow-up rulemaking described therein, and the need for DOE to give full effect to all statutory considerations and to update its analysis as required under 49 U.S.C. § 32904(b)(2).