08/01/2011 MON 12:14 FAX 6157259555 Nissan North America

**2**001/002

NISSAN

Scott E. Becker Senior Vice President Administration and Finance NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.

Corporate Office: One Nissan Way

Franklin, TN 37067

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 685001 Franklin, TN 37068-5001

Telephone: 615.725.7100

July 29, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Lisa Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Secretary LaHood and Administrator Jackson,

Nissan North America, Inc. recognizes the benefit for the country of continuing the historic National Program to address fuel economy and greenhouse gases that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) began in 2009 with the standards for model years 2012 through 2016, and that those agencies are continuing for model years 2017 through 2025.

Nissan fully supports proposal and adoption of a continued National Program. We understand that the continued National Program will be subject to full notice-and-comment rulemaking, affording all interested parties, including Nissan, the right to participate fully, comment, and submit information, the results of which are not pre-determined but depend upon processes set by law. Nissan welcomes the opportunity to be a partner in helping to advance a continued, harmonized National Program.

Nissan believes that the robust and comprehensive mid-term evaluation described by EPA and NHTSA in the July 2011 Supplemental Notice of Intent is critical, given Nissan's view of the uncertainty associated with the model years 2022-2025 standards. Although Nissan may not have full knowledge about the evolution and cost of technologies necessary to meet these standards, particularly in 2022-2025, the mid-term evaluation provides a basis for Nissan's support for adoption of standards for model years that far into the future.

Nissan also commits to working with EPA and NHTSA, the states, and other stakeholders to help our country address the need to reduce dependence on oil, to save consumers money, and to ensure regulatory predictability and certainty by developing this kind of strong, coordinated National Program.

This communication may contain information that is proprietary, privileged, confidential or otherwise legally protected from disclosure, and is intended solely for the use of the intended recipient(s). If you are not an intended recipient, or a person responsible for delivering this transmission to an intended recipient, please do not read, print, retain, copy or disseminate this transmission in error. Please delete and immediately notify the sender of the error.

Secretary LaHood & Administrator Jackson July 29, 2011 Page 2

In order to promote the adoption of the continued National Program, Nissan commits to take the following actions, subject to the understandings described below.

- (1) Nissan commits not to contest the final standards established by this rulemaking and by California for MYs 2017 through 2025 if:
  - a. EPA proposes national GHG standards and NHTSA proposes CAFE standards for MYs 2017-2025 as substantially described in the July 2011 Supplemental Notice of Intent to conduct rulemaking, but with necessary technical corrections and non-substantive refinements, and if the agencies adopt standards as substantially proposed.
  - b. California adopts standards on GHG emissions from new motor vehicles for MYs 2017 through 2025 such that compliance with the GHG emissions standards adopted by EPA, even if amended after 2012, shall be deemed compliance with the California GHG emissions standards, in a manner that is binding on states that adopt and enforce California's GHG standards under Clean Air Act (CAA) section 177.
- (2) Nissan reserves all right to contest final actions taken or not taken by EPA, NHTSA, and CARB as part of or in response to the mid-term evaluation.
- (3) Nissan commits that it will not contest final actions taken or not taken by EPA granting California's future request for a waiver of preemption under section 209 of the CAA for its GHG emissions standards for motor vehicles for MYs 2017-2025, if California revises its regulations as described above in (1)(b), but this does not apply to subsequent amendments California may make.
- (4) Nissan will use its best efforts to ensure that the industry trade association(s) to which Nissan belongs will not contest the actions discussed in (1) and (3) above.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Becker

Sutt E. Pol

Senior Vice President

Administration and Finance

NISSANI

Andrew J. Tavi VP Legal and Government Affairs, and General Counsel NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.

Legal Department One Nissan Way – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Franklin, TN 37067

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 685001 Franklin, TN 37068-5001

Telephone: 615.725.2252

July 29, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Lisa Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Secretary LaHood and Administrator Jackson,

As requested, we are herewith enclosing Nissan North America. Inc's commitment letter to a harmonized National Program for light duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy for 2017-2025.

Please note that our Commitment Letter is subject to the clarifications sent to you by our industry trade association, Global Automakers, in the attached cover letter to its Commitment Letter. Our commitment is, therefore, based on the same interpretation of the harmonized national program, and accordingly clarifies the commitment letter signed by Scott Becker.

With these clarifications, please accept our enclosed Commitment Letter.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Tavi

VP Legal and Government Affairs,

and General Counsel

This communication may contain information that is proprietary, privileged, confidential or otherwise legally protected from disclosure, and is intended solely for the use of the intended recipient(s). If you are not an intended recipient, or a person responsible for delivering this transmission to an intended recipient, please do not read, print, retain, copy or disseminate this transmission in error. Please delete and immediately notify the sender of the error.

## Global**Automakers** 🔘

A transfer of the part of the court of the part of th

July 29, 2011.

The Honorable Ray LaHood Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Lisa Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Secretary LaHood and Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of the Association of Global Automakers and those member companies that have agreed to sign the "Commitment Letter" concerning the harmonized National Program governing light duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy for model years 2017 through 2025, we are submitting this additional letter. Also enclosed is Global Automakers' own Commitment Letter. Having reviewed the commitment letter signed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), we believe it is necessary to clarify the following ambiguities in the CARB letter:

- The Commitment Letters relate solely to the national and California emissions programs for greenhouse gas emissions. Accordingly, our commitment to refrain from challenging California's greenhouse gas emission standards for model-years 2017 through 2025 applies only to these emissions and programs. This commitment is reflected in the language of the Commitment Letter, by which Global Automakers and each of our signatory members retains its rights with respect to all other regulatory requirements of California other than the greenhouse gas emissions standards.
- The only parties subject to the obligations set forth in these Commitment Letters are the participating manufacturers who signed these Commitment Letters and their trade associations. Neither Global Automakers nor our members has any control over other parties (e.g., its dealers and non-signatory manufacturers), and no power to bind them to any obligations under the Commitment Letter. In the event that non-participating parties take actions inconsistent with the commitments reflected in the attached letter, it is our understanding that CARB will abide by its commitments.

## Global**Automakers** 🔘

• Both the Commitment Letters signed by Global Automakers and our signatory members and the CARB commitment letter provide that CARB will revise its standards on greenhouse gas emissions for model-years 2017 through 2025 to accept as compliance with its standards "compliance with the GHG emissions standards adopted by EPA for those model years that are substantially as described in the July 2011 Notice of Intent, even if amended after 2012." Consequently, should CARB under any circumstances remove this national compliance option, Global Automakers and our signatory members are released from their commitments and may exercise any and all legal rights available to it to challenge California's greenhouse gas emissions program.

With these clarifications, please accept Global Automakers' enclosed Commitment Letter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Stanton

President & CEO, Global Automakers

Mapul I Stanton

Enclosure: Global Automakers Commitment Letter