

December 7, 2016

The Honorable Mike Pence
Office of the Vice President-Elect
Trump-Pence Transition Team
1800 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Vice President-Elect Pence:

The undersigned organizations respectfully request the Trump-Pence Administration's support for the "Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act" (RPM Act) in the 115th U.S. Congress. As representatives for the racing industry and companies that manufacture, sell and install race parts, we ask for your assistance in providing certainty to racers, their fans, and the thousands of people who work in the industry.

The Clean Air Act of 1970 established authority for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate motor vehicles used on the highways and prevent modifications that would take those vehicles out-of-compliance with emission regulations. However, Congress did not intend for the law to apply to race vehicles.

In 2015, the EPA included clarifying language within the proposed rule for greenhouse gas emissions from trucks and buses, stating that Clean Air Act's race vehicle exemption only applied to purpose-built race vehicles. This interpretation is out-of-step with 46 years of previous agency policy and industry understanding that the law also applies to converted motor vehicles.

The EPA withdrew the clarification language from the final greenhouse gas rule following Congressional inquiries along with a White House petition that garnered more than 100,000 signatures the day it was posted. However, the EPA still maintains that it is illegal to make emissions modifications needed to convert a street-legal vehicle into a racecar used solely on the track. Consequently, any business that makes or supplies the parts and services that modify the emissions system of these racecars is subject to EPA enforcement.

The RPM Act (HR 4715/S 2659), which currently has 148 cosponsors, provides clarity to industry and the racing community that the Clean Air Act allows motor vehicles to be converted into dedicated race vehicles and that such conversions are not an act of tampering. The bill protects tens of thousands of jobs and racers' ability to purchase the parts and equipment that enable them to compete. It also protects an American tradition.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Trump-Pence transition team on this matter and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)
Auto Care Association (Auto Care)
Automotive Warehouse Distributors Association (AWDA)
California Automotive Wholesalers Association (CAWA)
Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley)
International Hot Rod Association (IHRA)
Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA)
Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)
Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC)
Off-Road Business Association (ORBA)
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)
Tire Industry Association (TIA)

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