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MADIGAN OPPOSES U.S. EPA PROPOSAL TO RE-OPEN LOOPHOLE FOR HIGHLY-POLLUTING TRUCKS

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan, along with a coalition of 11 attorneys general, today expressed strong opposition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to repeal regulations that place strict emissions standards on highly polluting "glider" trucks.

In a letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Madigan and the coalition argued that the EPA's plan to repeal the 2016 Glider Rule will lead to more air pollution and will jeopardize public health. Glider trucks are made when a refurbished or rebuilt heavy duty diesel engine, most of which were built before 2010, is installed into a new truck body. The 2016 Glider Rule mandates that most engines installed in glider trucks meet the same emissions standards applied to all newly-manufactured engines.

"Repealing the Glider Rule is bad for our environment and for public health," Madigan said. "This policy change is also bad for truckers and shippers who play by the rules and operate trucks with cleaner fuel-burning engines," Madigan said.

In enacting the Glider Rule in 2016, the Obama administration found that gliders that do not comply with the standards produce 20 to 40 times more emissions of harmful air pollutants that are linked to asthma, cardiovascular problems, and other serious health impacts. The EPA and U.S. Department of Transportation in 2016 further estimated that over the course of one year, the production of an additional 10,000 gliders with non-compliant engines could result in up to 1,600 premature deaths, 415,000 tons of additional nitrogen oxide emissions and 6,800 tons of additional particulate matter emissions.

In Illinois and throughout the country, the rest of the trucking industry has already made substantial investments to comply with stringent emissions standards and would face an unfair disadvantage if forced to continue to compete against "glider kits" that use reassembled parts from 2001 or older without any investment in pollution controls.

Joining Madigan in filing today's comments were the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington.

The letter is available [here](#).

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