

Dear Friend,

As children return to school and as flu season approaches, everyone – families, businesses, health care providers – can play a role in preventing the spread of the H1N1 flu. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has set up flu.gov, a clearinghouse for information, resources, and preparedness kits. The website includes a page with information specific to [parents](#)

Consensus on Health Insurance Reform

On Tuesday, the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, of which I am a member, held a forum to discuss the need for health insurance reform and to consider how current proposals would affect costs, coverage, and care. The forum featured the heads of the American Medical Association, the American Nursing Association, and the American Hospital Association, the Chair of the AARP Board, and the CEO of Small Business Majority. They – not politicians – but doctors, nurses, hospital administrators, small business owners, and seniors agreed that the health care [legislation](#), as it is taking shape here in Congress, can be expected to result in better patient care while holding costs in check. Click [here](#) to watch their testimony.

Good News on Fuel Standards

Under a rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation on Tuesday, corporate average fuel efficiency – CAFE – standards would increase to a fleetwide average of 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016. That is four years ahead of the schedule Congress designated in the [Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007](#) when we increased automobile fuel efficiency for the first time in 30 years. The EPA and the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration predict that consumers would save more than \$3,000 due to fuel savings over the lifetime of a model year 2016 vehicle.

Additionally, for the first time cars and trucks would be subject to greenhouse gas standards. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, who headed the New Jersey EPA, estimated that these rules would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 950 million metric tons in four years. New Jersey was one the 11 states to sue successfully the Bush Administration EPA to regulate greenhouse

gas emissions in the transportation sector.

This is a proposed rule, so it does not go into effect immediately. DOT and EPA are providing a 60-day comment period that begins with publication of the proposal in the Federal Register. The proposal and information about how to submit comments can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The proposal would be finalized after this comment period. After that point, I hope this rule is approved and finalized in time to go into effect for the 2012 model year.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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