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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL CONDEMNS ROLLBACK OF FEDERAL CLEAN CAR STANDARDS

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued the following statement in response to the federal government's final replacement rule rolling back the national Clean Car Standards.

"The Clean Car Standards would have dramatically reduced climate change-causing carbon emissions, protected the health and safety of our residents, and saved consumers thousands of dollars over the lifetime of a vehicle by using less gasoline. The new rules will provide no meaningful reductions in carbon emissions. The new rules represent a significant step backward in the fight against climate change," Raoul said. "I am disappointed that the federal government rolled back the Clean Car Standards, but I will continue to fight to protect the environment and health of Illinois residents."

The federal government's action will increase the likelihood of frequent and life threatening extreme weather events resulting from climate change, which is already having an impact in Illinois. In 2019, communities throughout Illinois experienced severe spring storms and record flood levels that impacted 36 counties. Extreme weather also prevented farmers from planting crops on time, reduced crop yield and harmed crop quality, all of which negatively impacts Illinois' economy.