

United States Senate

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140. Auto Emission Controls

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern about emission control devices on automobiles.

On December 17, the Senate passed and I supported S. 2772, the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1973. The Bill Provided for a one year delay in the implementation of the 1976 auto emissions standards. An amendment to the bill would have delayed implementation of 1975 emission controls for two years. This amendment was defeated basically for the reason that in recent hearings on the question, General Motors representatives indicated that the new emission control catalyst used in the 1975 models will provide a 13% increase in fuel economy over the 1973 models.

As a member of the Muskie Subcommittee which studied the implementation of emissions control standards two years ago, I recommended that the auto industry be allowed as much time as possible to meet these standards in order to protect the consumer from a sudden price increase.

I appreciate having the benefit of your views on this important matter, and will certainly keep them in mind as we continue our studies of means to conserve energy resources.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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