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## **EPA URGED TO DISMISS ACTIVISTS' PETITION TO REGULATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

**(Arlington, VA – December 1, 1999)** Earlier this week, the Working Group to Oppose Expanded EPA Authority filed its opposition to a recent petition for rulemaking by the International Center for Technology Assessment (ICTA) and other activist groups that seeks to compel the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate carbon dioxide and other emissions from new motor vehicles under Section 202 of the Clean Air Act.

The Working Group is a project of the Washington Legal Foundation (WLF), a national non-profit public interest law and policy center based in Washington, D.C., that frequently has opposed excessive and unlawful regulation by the EPA in the courts. WLF's Legal Studies Division has published numerous LEGAL BACKGROUNDEERS, WORKING PAPERS, MONOGRAPHS, and other publications opposing EPA's activism.

In its 46-page response to ICTA's petition, the Working Group argues that EPA has no authority under Section 202 of the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles or any other source, including utilities. The Working Group also argues that even if EPA does have the authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, there is no sound scientific basis for doing so, and that any such regulation poses excessive and unnecessary costs on our society and economy. The Working Group's response cites numerous scientific studies debunking the petitioners' claims that there is "global warming" and that carbon dioxide emissions are its cause; in fact, carbon dioxide has only eight-five percent of the global warming potential scientists have previously assumed.

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ICTA's petition was joined by nineteen other activist groups, including Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, Friends of the Earth, and Greenpeace USA. The Working Group's response to ICTA's petition was prepared with the *pro bono* assistance of Fredrick D. Palmer, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Western Fuels Association, Inc.; Peter Glaser of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP of Washington, D.C.; and Professor William Lash III of George Mason University School of Law.

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