Transforming transportation in the U.S.

2002

2018

California's clean car standards

spread throughout the country

as Colorado becomes the 14th

state to adopt the standards,

which now cover 40% of the

U.S. auto market.

EDF steps in at a crucial moment to help pass the California Clean Car Standards, the first action by any state to reduce climate pollution from new passenger vehicles.

2007 - 2008

EDF successfully fights off automakers' and dealers' legal challenges to California's right to adopt strong standards; Supreme Court affirms EPA's authority to regulate climate pollution from new cars and

2009

U.S. EPA grants California a Clean Air Act waiver, clearing the way for other states to follow. Over time, 13 states representing 35% of the U.S. vehicle market adopt California's standards.

2010

The California Clean Car standards lead to the first-ever U.S. national standards covering model years 2012 to 2016, giving the U.S. standing to lead 2017 to 2025. on climate internationally.

2012

EPA finalizes national clean car standards that would cut climate pollution and double fuel economy for model years







2019

Harnessing the power of corporate voices, EDF works with automakers Ford, Honda, BMW and Volkswagen to support California and other states' authority to adopt strong clean car standards.





2019-2021

U.S. clean car standards are rolled back, but EDF analysis enables a court to rule that the EPA unlawfully concealed the model used in the rollback to keep flaws out of view.





2020

California adopts the Advanced Clean Truck Rule, making it easier and cheaper to buy clean electric trucks and buses. EDF works with New Jersey on becoming the second state to adopt this rule.



2020

EDF brings together a collaborative of fifteen states

the truck market, committed to deploying zero-emission trucks and buses to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gases.

and D.C., representing a third of EDF works with General Motors to develop an ambitious vision for an all-electric future and to eliminate tailpipe pollution from new vehicles by 2035.





2013

car rules in court. In October 2013 the Supreme Court denies every legal challenge seeking review of Clean Car standards.





2021

2016

EDF successfully defends clean EPA and the Department of Transportation establish national standards for mediumand heavy-duty trucks, a major source of climate and air pollution, after advocacy by EDF and others.





2021

President Biden, with support from America's Big Three automakers and UAW, announced a target that 50% of new U.S. passenger vehicles will be zero emitting by 2030.