The Honorable Mick Mulvaney  
Director  
The Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  


Dear Director Mulvaney:  

We are writing to you regarding the rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles—Phase 2" that applies to glider vehicles, glider engines, and glider kits. As members of Congress who represent manufacturers and/or users of glider kits, we urge the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to waive the Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) on this rule.  

On November 16, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a proposed rule to "repeal the emission standards and other requirements for heavy-duty glider vehicles, glider engines, and glider kits."1 Using the Clean Air Act, EPA determined that glider vehicles are not "new motor vehicles,"2 glider engines are not "new motor vehicle engines,"3 and glider kits are not "incomplete"4 new motor vehicles. However, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs informed EPA that it needs a RIA before the final rule takes effect. It is our understanding the EPA does not need to conduct a RIA for deregulatory issues and taking such a step would delay this deregulatory action unnecessarily.  

Giders are more fuel efficient and achieve better CO2 emissions than new Original Equipment Manufacturer trucks. They are also an affordable option for many small businesses. According to Fitzgerald Glider Kits, eliminating this choice may adversely impact the U.S. economy by $1 billion and jeopardize 22,000 jobs.  

Again, we urge the OMB to waive the RIA and support the EPA’s final rule concerning glider vehicles, engines, and kits with an immediate effective date. Thank you for your service, and consideration of our request. We look forward to your response.  

Sincerely,  

Bill Posey  
Member of Congress  

Diane Black  
Member of Congress  

Joni K. Ernst  
U.S. Senate  

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2 CAA section 216(3)  
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4 CAA section 202(a)(1)
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