

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) issued the following statement after the Obama Administration announced an increase in passenger car fuel efficiency requirements: "The new fuel efficiency standards released today by the Obama administration is a good first step toward implementing the law Representative Baron Hill (D-IN) and I authored in the last Congress. However, this increase in fuel economy puts the federal standard even higher than California's fuel energy program. Two separate, yet contrary fuel economy programs is a recipe for economic ruin for our auto industry. I urge California regulators to end their opposition to a single national standard and support what President Obama did today." The standard for passenger vehicles will rise to a combined average of 27.3 miles per gallon. This is the first increase in fuel efficiency requirements in 25 years. To read the DOT press release click here: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot3609.htm> -30-

