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Westly Applauds Ford Motor Co. Agreement on Greenhouse Gas Plan

Controller Calls on Other Automakers to Join Global Warming Watch

SACRAMENTO – California State Controller Steve Westly released the following statement on Ford Motor Company’s decision to voluntarily comply with the terms of a shareholder resolution on global warming and greenhouse gas emissions.

“I commend the Ford Motor Company and CEO Bill Ford for having the courage to stand up for what is right.

“The future success of the auto industry largely depends on its willingness to accept change in an increasingly competitive global market. Clean technology is the future, and Ford’s decision to address the risks of global warming is an example to all major American corporations.

“Ford’s movement is a good first step, but I renew my call on all automakers to join the efforts of my Global Warming Watch plan.”

Controller Westly initiated the Global Warming Watch plan last fall to push automakers to invest in new technologies. The plan also prepares for a changing regulatory environment that addresses global warming issues. Westly’s plan has the support of CalPERS, CalSTRS, and the New York Common pension fund. Connecticut Treasurer Denise Nappier and New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson also support the plan.

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