

Federal Executive Branch Policies & Actions



**Examples of
significant “shifts” in
policy enactments that
influence ground
vehicle industry**

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Perspectives & Caveat

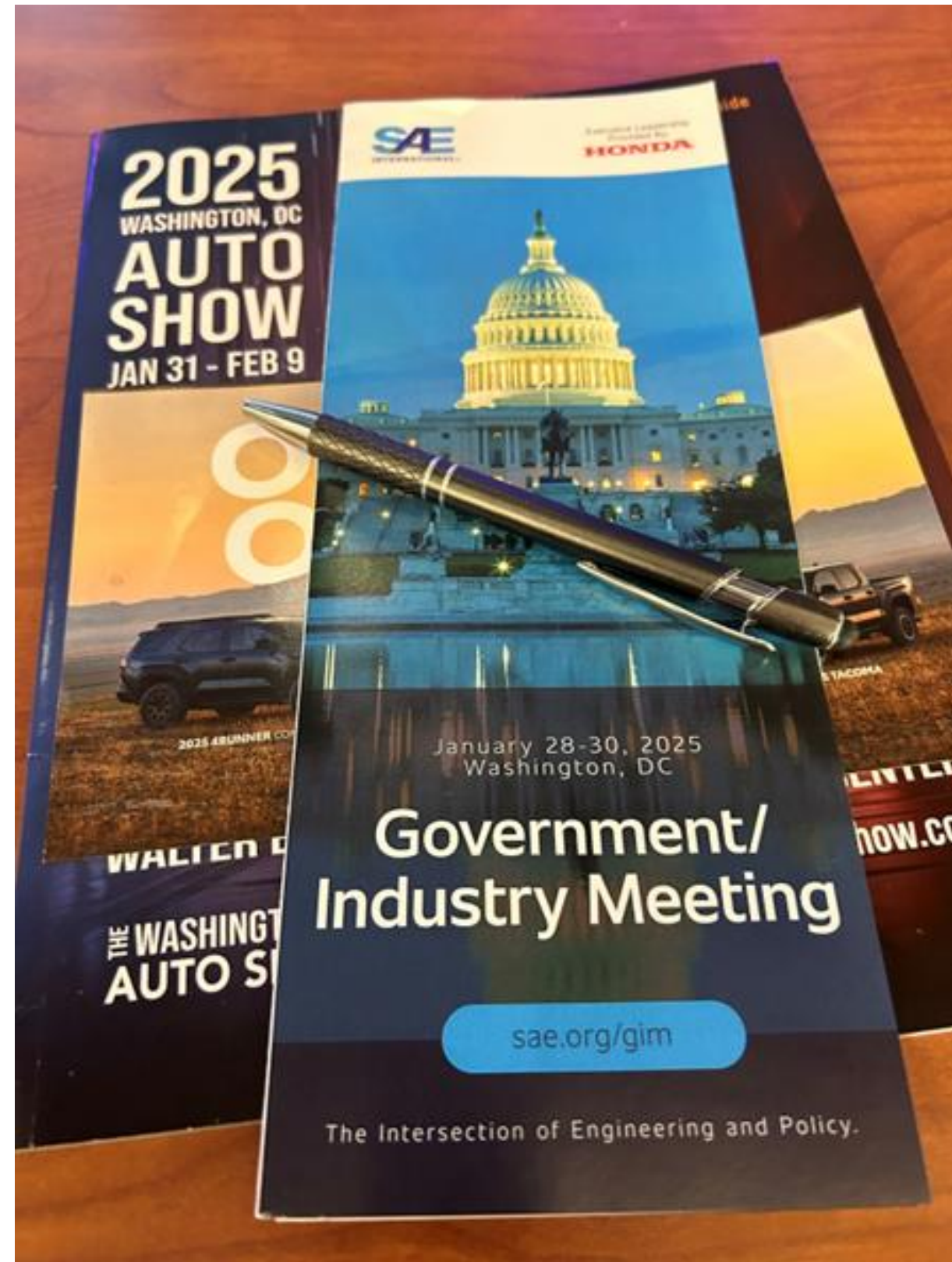
- **What I discuss today are my observations & postulates, not any official position of SAE, and the slides reflect 12 March information.**
- **I come from the rare but not unique position of being an engineer, that spend half of career in design and development before becoming a half time bureaucrat / half time diplomat**
- **Part of my duties, involve working bi-laterally (SAE/US, SAE/Canada, SAE/China, SAE/Russia / SAE Korea, ...), multi-laterally (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation), or in global forums (The United Nations Economic and Social Council)**

Some of the Priorities

- **Peace**
Russian Federation / Ukraine
Gaza / Israel / Middle East
- **Reduce Import Dependency / Re-shoring**
- **Economic Security / Industrial Competitiveness**
- **Workforce Growth From Government to Private Sector / Production (and not linked to Federal spending)**
- **Federal Spending & Revenue**
Waste, Fraud, & Abuse (Reallocation & Reductions)

A recent indicator

- SAE Government Industry Meeting
HUGE!
***Plus – consumer response
“all things considered”***
- Quadrennial
administration change
& new Congress



Top Level Points:

- **No substantive shift in the priority to have global / international technical standards based on performance and not used as non-tariff barriers to trade**
- **No substantive shift thus far in US engagement and leadership in global activities at the UN relating to motor vehicle: UN just elected the US as Chair of the Committee for the Coordination of Work. US has leadership positions in every regulatory activity / informal working group (or Canada).**
- **In general, US and Canada are in harmony regarding technical regulatory issues and priorities for safety. Divergence likely pertaining to Criteria Pollutants & CO2.**

Massive Shifts / Disruptors:

- **Major shift in policies and actions pertaining to federal subsidies, grants/cooperative agreements/contracts and foreign aid**
- **Technical direction**
 - **Safety, unchanged – top priority**
 - **Criteria pollutants, “big” (+ CO₂, PM_{2.5}, ...)**
 - **Energy, “bigger”**
- **Regulatory policy – Endangerment, Federalism, OMB**
- **Presidential Impoundment**
- **Spending Restraints**
- **Staffing – RIF’s (+ normal position / transfers)**

Unprecedented shift:

Technical

Economic

Strategic

However- Priorities are consistent

Urgency – implementation

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY

- **Reconsideration of regulations on power plants (Clean Power Plan 2.0)**
- **Reconsideration of regulations throttling the oil and gas industry (OOOO b/c)**
- **Reconsideration of Mercury and Air Toxics Standards that improperly targeted coal-fired power plants (MATS)**
- **Reconsideration of mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program that imposed significant costs on the American energy supply (GHG Reporting Program)**
- **Reconsideration of limitations, guidelines and standards (ELG) for the Steam Electric Power Generating Industry to ensure low-cost electricity while protecting water resources (Steam Electric ELG)**
- **Reconsideration of wastewater regulations for coal power plants to help unleash American energy (Oil and Gas ELG)**
- **Reconsideration of Biden-Harris Administration Risk Management Program rule that made America's oil and natural gas refineries and chemical facilities less safe (Risk Management Program Rule)**

LOWERING THE COST OF LIVING FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

- **Reconsideration of light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicle regulations that provided the foundation for the Biden-Harris electric vehicle mandate (Car GHG Rules)**
- **Reconsideration of the 2009 Endangerment Finding and regulations and actions that rely on that Finding (Endangerment Finding)**
- **Reconsideration of technology transition rule that forces companies to use certain technologies that increased costs on food at grocery stores and semiconductor manufacturing (Technology Transition Rule)**
- **Reconsideration of Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards that shut down opportunities for American manufacturing and small businesses (PM 2.5 NAAQS)**
- **Reconsideration of multiple National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for American energy and manufacturing sectors (NESHAPs)**
- **Restructuring the Regional Haze Program that threatened the supply of affordable energy for American families (Regional Haze)**
- **Overhauling Biden-Harris Administration's "Social Cost of Carbon"**
- **Redirecting enforcement resources to EPA's core mission to relieve the economy of unnecessary bureaucratic burdens that drive up costs for American consumers (Enforcement Discretion)**
- **Terminating Biden's Environmental Justice and DEI arms of the agency (EJ/DEI)**

ADVANCING COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM

- Ending so-called “Good Neighbor Plan” which the Biden-Harris Administration used to expand federal rules to more states and sectors beyond the program’s traditional focus and led to the rejection of nearly all State Implementation Plans
- Working with states and tribes to resolve massive backlog with State Implementation Plans and Tribal Implementation Plans that the Biden-Harris Administration refused to resolve (SIPs/TIPs)
- Reconsideration of exceptional events rulemaking to work with states to prioritize the allowance of prescribed fires within State and Tribal Implementation Plans (Exceptional Events)
- Reconstituting Science Advisory Board and Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (SAB/CASAC)
- Prioritizing coal ash program to expedite state permit reviews and update coal ash regulations (CCR Rule)
- Utilizing enforcement discretion to further North Carolina’s recovery from Hurricane Helene

EPA Announces Action to Implement POTUS's Termination of Biden-Harris Electric Vehicle Mandate

March 12th

“The American auto industry has been hamstrung by the crushing regulatory regime of the last administration. As we reconsider nearly one trillion dollars of regulatory costs, we will abide by the rule of law to protect consumer choice and the environment,”

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-action-implement-potuss-termination-biden-harris-electric-vehicle>

US Trade Representative / President

***Fundamentally* messages and actions support the following:**

- **Eliminate trade imbalances**
- **Increase US manufacturing & chemical sectors**
- **Protect economy from foreign adversaries (especially energy)**
- **Reduce costs / increase prosperity for individual and businesses (especially energy)**

Fundamental Questions

- **Stability – when?**
- **Distress level / duration**
 - *Animal Spirits*
- **Legal / Court Challenges**
- **Codified – any / all**
- **2026 Fiscal Budget**
- **2026 Congress**
- **International Relationships**



Thank you

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