



October 10, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our extreme concern about information we learned whereby the 2017 proposed rule (RIN 2060–AT79) that provides relief from an overreaching Obama-era regulation will be shelved now because certain staff have decided to not follow your commitment to deregulation.

In addition, we have learned that these same staffers have proposed a pyrrhic victory plan where they will issue notice for a new proposal to be drafted. This will be their attempt to say they provided relief. This is nothing more than a trojan horse. This new plan for relief will take years to be implemented and might not even been finalized. This new approach is simply appeasing lobbying groups within Washington that have decided to advocate against American manufacturing like glider trucks.

It is also known that these same groups who have lobbied heavily against American gliders are doing so because of foreign financial interests – in particular Chinese financing by way of Volvo trucks. This is yet another example of how China is winning its silent war against us by using regulation to eliminate American manufacturing.

We cannot let insubordinate staff eliminate your agenda. The 2017 proposed rule is a viable path forward. Those who are obstructing its finalization are causing thousands to lose their jobs. The U.S. glider truck industry will likely succumb to the Obama-era rule in the next few weeks. The Obama-era rule has caused thousands of jobs to be eliminated and growth and sales production to dwindle.

We pray that you ask the Environmental Protection Agency to send the drafted 2017 proposed rule to the Office of Management and Budget for its finalization. This is the only way American manufacturing receives relief in time. For reference, our members cover the country from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, North Carolina, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas, and Florida, to name a few. We greatly appreciate your time and attention to our concern.

Sincerely,

Glider Kit Association of America