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STATEMENT BY SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE  
ON THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE NATIONAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ACT.

After months of silence on the pending air pollution control legislation, the Nixon Administration yesterday cast its lot with the industrial opponents of a strong bill, and against the public right to a healthy environment.

It is unjustifiable that the administration did not take a position until after the House and the Senate reached agreement on one of the most important sections of the bill -- the 1975 deadline for a clean car. Now that agreement has been reached, the automobile industry and the Administration together have asked the conferees to back down

For many years the House and the Senate have worked to pass meaningful laws to protect the environment. Early this year, the Nixon Administration announced its commitment to environmental quality. As of yesterday, that commitment is no longer credible.

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