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Senator David Gallegos, Senator Steven McCutcheon Issue Statement Following Advancement of “Clean Fuels” Bill

SANTA FE—This morning, the Senate Conservation Committee advanced House Bill 41 on a party-line vote of 6-3. All Senate Republicans voted against the measure. The bill gives expanded authority to the unelected Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) to impose a carbon pricing system to reduce carbon emissions from transportation fuels such as gasoline and diesel.

“Just a few short months ago, we saw the unfettered power of the unelected EIB when they mandated a transition to electric vehicles,” said **Senator David Gallegos** (R-Eunice). “Now, this bill seeks to give the EIB even greater authority with no accountability to the people their rules impact.”

“This bill is a forcible transition to California gas prices to appease the radical left,” said **Senator Steven McCutcheon** (R-Carlsbad). “It will shut down our homegrown New Mexico-based independent producers, raise our gas prices, and harm our energy economy to have a negligible impact on global carbon emissions. I hope the people of our state are paying attention to who is responsible for jacking up the prices at the pump.”

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