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## **European Parliament secures car CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cap**

With today's vote in the European Parliament, new cars will have CO<sub>2</sub> emission limits of 95g per km by the end of 2020 – a longstanding BEUC call in order to reduce the cost of driving.

Monique Goyens, Director General of The European Consumer Organisation, commented:

"High and rising fuel prices make driving a car increasingly unaffordable for many consumers. At the same time, people rely daily on their car to drop their kids off at school or drive to work. By our calculations, bringing car emissions down to 95g/km will lead to fuel savings of up to €465 annually.

"All the signs indicate that fuel prices will continue to increase. Therefore it is essential that we help keep the cost of driving down. The sooner we settle a 2025 limit the better. The automobile industry needs planning security and consumers want reassurance that driving will be affordable for the years to come.

"Today's vote ends a lobbying powerplay by big car manufacturers and their government allies. This deal to make driving cheaper and greener has been delayed unnecessarily at consumers' expense and that of the environment."

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