



**RUSSELL COLEMAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

**2026-01
May 7, 2025**

Whereas, Kentucky led the charge against the Biden Administration's nonsensical green agenda that threatened to drive gas-powered cars off the road and raise costs for Kentucky families;

Whereas, the Attorney General's Office has partnered with President Trump to unleash American energy dominance, including with Kentucky coal;

Whereas, Kentucky has gone to court to defend President Trump's effort to repeal the legal underpinning of the disastrous Green New Deal, the EPA's electric vehicle mandates, and the so-called Clean Power Plan;

Whereas, the Attorney General's Office worked with Kentucky partners and President Trump's EPA to cut gas prices through removal of a decades-old reformulated gas requirement in Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham counties;

Whereas, the Attorney General has a statutory duty to promote affordable and reliable energy for Kentucky families, with an emphasis on protecting Kentuckians' wallets and the Commonwealth's competitive advantage;

Whereas, Kentucky won a major victory at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit – one step below the U.S. Supreme Court – rejecting the Biden EPA’s attempt to overreach into the Commonwealth’s stewardship of its air quality;

Whereas, while the Attorney General does not agree with the overtly partisan posturing in Governor Beshear’s executive order, the Attorney General supports lowering the price of gas for Kentuckians, as his many above-referenced actions show;

Whereas, the Governor has issued Executive Order 2026-235, which in relevant part suspends the operation of KRS 138.220(1)(a) and (4) for the duration of the declared state of emergency under Executive Order 2026-235;

Whereas, KRS 39A.180(2)(b) provides that the Governor may suspend a statute by executive order when an emergency is declared if the statute to be suspended is specifically enumerated by the Governor in the executive order and the executive order specifying the suspension is approved by the Attorney General in writing;

Whereas, KRS 39A.090(2) provides that “executive orders, administrative regulations, or other directives issued under this chapter by the Governor” shall be in effect no longer than thirty (30) days unless otherwise approved by the General Assembly or requested by certain local government officials; and,

Whereas, I have reviewed Executive Order 2026-235 and find that the suspension of KRS 138.220(1)(a) and (4) as provided for therein is not an unreasonable exercise of the Governor's authority under KRS 39A.180(2)(b).

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.180(2)(b), I, Russell Coleman, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby **APPROVE** the suspension of KRS 138.220(1)(a) and (4) as reflected in Executive Order 2026-235 for a period consistent with KRS 39A.090(2).

So **ORDERED** this the 7th day of May, 2026.



RUSSELL COLEMAN,
Attorney General
Commonwealth of Kentucky