

Rivian Automotive

Rivian is an independent US company dedicated to the design, development, manufacture, and distribution of all-electric adventure vehicles. Today, this includes our R1T pickup, R1S SUV, and a delivery van for Amazon. Rivian is also building a network of DC fast and level two chargers across the country, including its sites on public lands. We maintain a physical presence in Washington at our Bellevue Service Center location. I appreciate the opportunity to speak today. Washington's proposed adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars II rules reflects the state's role as a committed leader in addressing climate change, reducing harmful air pollution, and growing the EV market. Rivian strongly supports the proposed rules. We note and applaud that the state has established an aspirational goal to achieve 100% EV sales by 2030, exceeding the ambitions of even the ACC II regulation. ACC II was developed after extensive engagement with stakeholders including industry and a robust technical feasibility and cost-benefit analysis. Achieving 100% passenger EV sales by 2035 is critical for achieving the state's greenhouse gas emissions reductions requirements, and improving public health. Those requirements and ambitions have only become more important as our society increasingly feels the impact of climate change. We thank Washington and the State Department of Ecology for developing a rule-making package that meets the moment. Rivian's vehicles are proof that now is the time for Washington to adopt the ACC II standards and to continue driving the industry forward. It's important that Washington finalize adoption this calendar year to bring the requirements into force as soon as possible and avoid any interruptions to the state's Clean Cars requirements. I also want to underscore the importance and value of the proposed implementation of early action credits under the ACC I program. Early action credits incentivize accelerated deployment of ZEVs and their environmental benefits. Once again, thank you for your leadership and for charting a course to a decarbonized transportation future. Thanks to staff for all of your hard work on this. We look forward to continue partnership with Washington and all stakeholders in advancing the state's climate policies and we'll submit follow-up written comments for more detail as well. Thanks.