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My name is Michael Barrio, and I represent Advanced Energy United, a national business association that represents the full range of advanced energy and transportation technologies and services. Our member companies manufacture electric vehicles, install and manage electric vehicle charging equipment, provide energy efficiency services, build renewable energy and energy storage projects, and more. We are united in our mission to accelerate the transition to 100% clean energy in America.

I am here today to urge the Board to take decisive action to support zero-emission vehicles in New Mexico by adopting the Advanced Clean Cars, Advanced Clean Trucks, and Heavy-duty Low NOx Omnibus standards, building on the first set of Clean Cars standards passed in May 2022. These standards align with our collective goal to expand zero-emission vehicle use across New Mexico, act on climate change, reduce air pollution, and foster economic opportunities for all New Mexicans.

These vehicles offer considerable operational, maintenance, and fuel savings over their lifetimes, making them a smart choice for many households and businesses. Increasing the number of electric vehicles on the road will also drive additional private investment into the electric vehicle charging industry, bringing more clean energy industry investment into the state of New Mexico. And businesses that operate or manage fleets, including many of our member companies, support increased access to these vehicles.

These standards will also reduce pollution and improve air quality in our most affected neighborhoods.

Lastly, there is significant federal funding available to New Mexico from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act. Combined, these laws are poised to transform our transportation sector by providing unprecedented support for electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. There is no better time to ensure that our state can be a leader in the clean transportation economy.

We urge the Board to advance New Mexico's clean transportation future by adopting the Advanced Clean Car and Truck standards this year. Thank you for your commitment to a cleaner, healthier future in New Mexico.

Signed,

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