

November 8, 2023

New Mexico Improvement Board
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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board
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Dear Respective Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed rules that are under consideration. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Advanced Clean Car II Rules. I feel that the proposed rules are not right for New Mexico at this time. Although, I feel that Electric Vehicles will be a part of our transportation future, I feel that the mandates provided in the proposed rules are going too far, too fast.

In addition, there are many items that need to be addressed for a successful transition. I feel that we need to have the proper charging infrastructure throughout New Mexico, especially in the more rural parts of our state. We need to ensure that our utility companies can support the electrical demand as we cannot be like California where their utilities have been warning homeowners and EV owners alike to not to use their air conditioner or charge the EV's just this summer.

I also feel that the technology in the EV's need to be further advanced to increase the travel time between charges and also easier to understand and drive. In addition, EV's cost more than traditional vehicles and New Mexico does not have incentives to help those in need. Once these items have been addressed the market will drive the demand without having to mandate these rules on many of us who are simply not ready.

Many auto manufacturers have recently scaled back the production of EVs due to the lack of demand across the nation. I feel that you will be hurting New Mexico business in all sectors from agriculture to construction where these business have to haul loads many miles to get their commodities and supplies to and from the market or their respective job sites.

For all the reasons, stated above, please vote to oppose the adoption of the Advanced Clean Car rules

Sincerely,

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