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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board

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RE: Advanced Clean Car II rule (EIB 23-56 (R))

Dear Respective Board Members,

On behalf of my constituents, I am writing to you as a State Senator representing Cibola, McKinley and San Juan counties to express my concern on the proposed Advanced Clean Car II rule [EIB 23-56 (R)] that is under consideration. Most, if not all of my constituents live in rural areas and have to drive great distances for their basic needs like work, school, food and medical care.

First, I would like to acknowledge that I am acutely aware of the need to act to address the dangers of climate change; however, I also believe that it must be done in a "JUST" way. For example, without a well-established charging network, all EV owners will face significant challenges like limited range, increased anxiety for their safety and running out of charge in some of the most isolated parts of our State. The simple reality is that New Mexico's EV infrastructure, especially in rural New Mexico, is nowhere near developed to the level it needs to be so that this rule change doesn't significantly devastate our rural communities.

Second, I would like to remind this board that the median household income for New Mexico is roughly \$56,000 a year before taxes. This means that half of our working population makes less than that to cover basic necessities like shelter, food, and childcare. There simply is no way New Mexicans can incur the financial burden that comes with purchasing even the most affordable EV on the market, whose mileage range on a single charge won't even cover a round trip in rural New Mexico.

Lastly, instead of rushing into a mandate, I believe that more time and preparation is necessary to ensure a successful "JUST" transition. This includes extensive infrastructure developments to support widespread adoption of electric vehicles, especially in rural New Mexico. We must simultaneously raise awareness about the benefits of electric vehicles,



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address concerns about the charging infrastructure and developing programs to support disadvantaged New Mexicans to facilitating a "JUST" transition.

These are just a handful of concerns that I want to bring to your attention. Therefore, I respectfully urge the board to consider delaying the proposed rules until these items have been addressed throughout all of rural New Mexico. I look forward to continuing this discussion with you all and will see you in front of LFC for your budget hearing in the coming days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Munoz".

George Munoz,
State Senator, District 4