

November 10, 2023

New Mexico Improvement 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 currently. 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. We have so many other issues in NM that should be top priority. Health Insurance premiums, lack of Dr.'s, terrible education system, homelessness, crime etc. We score about 50th out of 50 states on the worst lists. We need to focus on and address all those other issues before this is a true concern. We also have some of the best air quality in the country. In addition, we need to look at the big picture of where the materials for batteries are being mined and how those people and the land is being affected. China also owns most of the rights to the minerals needed for batteries as well. We should be concerned about shifting our energy independence to China.

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 EV's needs to be further advanced to increase the travel time between charges and 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 businesses must 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,


Ryon Bornemeier