New Mexico Health Professionals for Climate Action

New Mexico Health Professionals for Climate Action (NMHPCA) strongly supports the adoption of Advance Clean Cars and Advance Clean Trucks Rules. My name is Shelley Mann-Lev and I am a co-leader of NMHPCA whose mission to advocate for climate solutions that protect health and promote equity. We have approximately 100 members who are healthcare and public health professionals and students.

Transportation pollution is contributing to our climate-fueled public health crisis, and it worsens health problems for the most vulnerable New Mexicans, including lower-income communities, communities of color, children, elders, and anyone with respiratory conditions like asthma.

We urge the Air Quality Control Board to build on the first set of Clean Cars standards passed in May 2022 by adopting the Advanced Clean Cars, Advanced Clean Trucks, and Heavy-duty Low NOx Omnibus standards. These standards would expand zero-emission vehicle use across New Mexico and help act on climate change, reduce air pollution that makes us sick, and open new doors to economic opportunities for New Mexicans.

Advanced Clean Cars standards will make it easier for all New Mexicans to replace their dirty, polluting cars with low or zero-emission vehicles and improve air quality in our most impacted neighborhoods.

Advanced Clean Trucks will increase the number of electric buses, pickup trucks, delivery trucks, and semi-trucks on our roads, helping to transform the freight industry to benefit our communities, especially those most harmed by air pollution. Heavy-duty Low NOx Omnibus standards will require new diesel trucks to meet engine standards that result in less harmful pollution.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the health care voice heard.

Respectfully yours, Shelley Mann-Lev, NMHPCA