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I've been ready to purchase an EV for about six months. However, the lack of inventory at local dealerships has been an obstacle. These rules would bring these vehicles to NM like they have in other states. Allowing Big Oil to prevent clean cars and trucks in NM is a flagrant and alarming disregard for public health and the public's desire to move to low and zero emission vehicles.
I am writing to express my strong support for Clean Cars and Trucks and Heavy Duty Omnibus standards to apply to the 2027 model year. Nine other states have already embraced these standards. Cleaner cars and trucks are a critical tool in solving the urgent climate crisis, but they will also save New Mexicans billions of dollars by 2050 and prevent thousands of deaths and respiratory attacks. New Mexico-specific analyses have found that Clean Cars and Trucks would slash climate pollution by up to 139 million metric tons by 2050, the equivalent of the entire state's emissions in one year, making these standards among the most effective climate policies ever adopted in New Mexico. They will also help New Mexico access millions in Inflation Reduction Act funding to boost EV infrastructure and make clean cars more accessible, affordable and convenient. In addition, a new study shows full adoption of Clean Cars alone would increase New Mexico economic activity by up to $44 billion and add nearly 1,000 jobs. The New Mexico studies also show that Clean Cars and Trucks standards will literally save lives in New Mexico, preventing 158 premature deaths and more than 76,000 cases of respiratory illnesses by 2050. These standards will save drivers money, increase availability of zero-emission vehicles for consumers, and promote broader access to these money-saving vehicles for all New Mexicans. The state should seize the opportunity to adopt these standards together in 2023 to get cleaner trucks and cars on our roads sooner and bring New Mexico back in line with life-saving pollution standards. Thank you for your consideration.