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Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Board and the New Mexico EIB
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Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Advanced Clean Car II Rules

Dear Members of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board and the
Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Advanced Clean Car II Rules. While I wholeheartedly support the state's commitment to environmental sustainability and applaud the initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the adoption of cleaner vehicles, I believe it is crucial to take into consideration the unique challenges faced by low-income New Mexicans, the absence of sustainable state and national subsidies, and the current lack of reliable electric charging infrastructure. Furthermore, the timing is not right to enforce such an aggressive mandate on electric vehicles when the demand for these vehicles has remained flat despite an abundance of EV inventory at local and national dealerships. There have been recent articles that have announced significant production cutbacks by most of the major auto makers. Therefore, another reason I am encouraging your board in opposition of this proposed rule.

Electric vehicles remain impractical for many New Mexicans. The early adopters have already purchased their EV's, many of which have already traded them back in for a more functional vehicle. One highly regarded friend of mine that ironically specialized in metallurgy and battery functionality, that just retired from Sandia Labs after a long career said to me that right now all an electric vehicle is in New Mexico is a "fun second car". He currently has a Tesla and likes to take it to the grocery store and to the golf course. He has made it clear that he would NEVER consider it his primary mode of transportation. How many New Mexican's can afford a "fun second car"? And won't this rule, force New Mexicans to buy their gas-powered vehicle's out of state due to the requirement to have such a large number of EV's in stock? Our dealers won't be able to stock the vehicles that consumers want to buy. This is bad for business and bad for consumers to have a choice.

In conclusion, I urge the Environmental Improvement Board to consider these concerns in the context of New Mexico's demographic, economic realities and decreasing consumer demand for electric vehicles. While I support the transition to cleaner vehicles for the benefit of our environment, it is vital that this transition is attainable for all residents, regardless of their

income or location. I hope that we can work together to create a more environmentally sustainable future that is accessible to everyone in our unique state.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues. And thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

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