

# Kristin Graziano

## Advanced Clean Cars and Trucks

Thank you to the Members and Commissioners for this opportunity to lend my opinion regarding the Advanced Clean Cars and Trucks Rules.

My name is Kristin Graziano and I am a family physician from Arroyo Seco NM. I have lived and worked in northern New Mexico for the past 10 years, spending most of my career with the Indian Health Service on the Navajo and Jicarilla Apache reservations and most recently at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Questa.

On behalf of myself, my community, and my patients I am firmly in favor of adopting the strongest Clean Cars and Trucks rules possible.

As a doctor, I come to this issue from 2 avenues. The first is from a health and well-being perspective. The second is from a Health Equity perspective.

We have decades of research linking the toxic soup of air pollution to a multitude of medical issues including respiratory and cardiovascular problems, cancers, neuropsychiatric disorders, and poor pregnancy outcomes. And let us not forget that air pollution is directly linked to Premature Death. The Clean Cars and Trucks standards will prevent 158 premature deaths and more than 76,000 cases of respiratory illnesses by 2050, just by reducing particulate matter alone.

In addition to air pollution, tailpipe emissions contribute to greenhouse gases and climate change. Those of us on the frontlines of health care are seeing the detrimental health effects of climate change occurring right now. Heat related illness. Dangerous air quality due to wildfire smoke. Increased depression and anxiety. Adopting Clean Cars and Trucks will greatly decrease the greenhouse gases fueling climate change and lessen these negative health impacts.

These are my patients. I hear their stories and their frustrations from being ill because of their environment. I usher them through treatments. I order their oxygen. I write notes to excuse my pediatric patients from missing school again because of another asthma attack. I worry about my patients quality of life and the lifelong negative health consequences they may face because of the environment. I worry about my community not being able to play or exercise outdoors because of poor air quality.

Earlier, I mentioned Health Equity. We know communities of color and poorer neighborhoods are disproportionately affected by these health issues. I have spent my career in these communities. I can tell you that my patients are no less deserving, no less entitled, and no less worthy of having clean air and a healthy environment.

Transportation is New Mexico's 2nd largest source of climate and health-harming pollution. We have an opportunity to improve the health of New Mexicans. We have an opportunity to do the right thing by cleaning up the air the most for those who are impacted the most. We have an opportunity to curb climate-related health impacts that New Mexicans are facing now and are certain to increase.

I strongly urge you to seize this opportunity and adopt the strongest Clean Cars and Trucks Rules as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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