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I am writing to advocate for New Mexico's participation as a signatory in the Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks programs. As a resident deeply committed to the well-being of our beautiful state, I believe embracing these initiatives would not only align with New Mexico's aspirations for climate leadership but also bring about significant social and environmental benefits.

Firstly, committing to Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks demonstrates a dedication to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which is crucial for mitigating the impacts of climate change. By adopting cleaner vehicle standards, New Mexico can contribute to a healthier environment, improved air quality, and a reduction in the overall carbon footprint. This, in turn, will positively impact the well-being of our communities, particularly those vulnerable to the adverse effects of pollution.

Moreover, supporting advanced clean technologies in the automotive sector will foster economic growth and job creation. Investing in clean energy infrastructure and manufacturing will position New Mexico at the forefront of the emerging green economy, attracting businesses and creating employment opportunities for our residents.

By joining these initiatives, New Mexico can also bolster its reputation as a forward-thinking state committed to sustainable practices. It sends a strong message that we not only talk the talk but walk the walk when it comes to climate leadership. This commitment can attract positive attention, partnerships, and investments that further enhance our state's standing as a progressive leader in addressing environmental challenges.

Becoming a signatory to Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks is a crucial step for New Mexico to manifest its commitment to a sustainable future. The social, economic, and environmental benefits that will arise from this decision align perfectly with the values we hold dear in our state. I urge you to consider the long-term positive impact that embracing these initiatives can have on New Mexico and its residents.