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Yajaira Astorga thanks the commissioners for holding public hearings on clean car and truck standards which will improve the lives of everyone in New Mexico. This isn't just about getting more clean vehicles on our roads. It's about more jobs, cleaner air, healthier lives, new transportation options, advancing equity and diversifying New Mexico's economy.

The Advanced Clean Cars and Trucks standards are an important step we can take now to deliver more affordable, clean, electric cars and trucks for people to drive, and reduce harmful air pollution that is impacting everyone, especially communities that live along transportation routes. This will deliver substantial benefits of lower transportation costs, less air pollution, more jobs and less extreme weather. Which is necessary for Albuquerque's future generations to grow up in a city with healthier air quality.

I think that over time electric vehicles will become fundamental in our daily lives. The pollution from smoke from the cars we have now will decrease, it will also help the economy and a lot of the services that have to be done over time. Reducing tailpipe pollution from trucks will protect public health, particularly in low-income, black, brown, and Indigenous communities that live closest to transportation routes in New Mexico.

Sincerely, Yajaira Astorga