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My name is Stacie Slay. I live in La Plata, New Mexico, and I am here today as a private citizen. I support swift action to adopt The Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Truck Rules as soon as possible.

By fully adopting the Rules through 2035, the rules would reduce climate pollution by hundreds of millions of metric tons by 2050, about the same amount as the total pollution New Mexico produced in 2018, making these among the most effective climate policies New Mexico could adopt.

Right now, there are dozens of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty truck models already available or coming to the market soon. However, automakers prioritize Clean Cars states for EV availability, so shoppers often have a hard time finding electric vehicles on New Mexico lots and often have to go out of state if they want an EV. These Rules will provide much more choice. And yes, of course you can keep your gas car for as long as you like, and buy a new one if you really want, even at the peak of the proposed requirements.

However, A recent analysis shows that New Mexicans could receive up to \$44 billion in public health and climate benefits just from adopting Clean Cars II through 2035. Clean Cars and Trucks together would:

- Avoid 136 premature deaths by 2050 and prevent 72,000 respiratory incidents from breathing polluted air;
- Create nearly 1,000 additional jobs, many in well-paying positions in electrical-component manufacturing and construction;
- Save individual EV owners between \$14,000 and \$16,800 during the life of the vehicle, and deliver more than \$30 billion in total savings for drivers through 2050.

Other cost benefits of electric cars and trucks:

- Federal \$7,500 tax credits are available for selected new EVs and \$4,000 credits for used cars. These will be transferable to dealers so they can be taken off your purchase price.

- New Mexico utilities now offer rebates of up to \$2,500 for home EV chargers and installation. Often enough to cover the entire cost.

- Plug-in hybrids are included in the Clean Cars II standards. These cars use battery charge for the first 30 to 50 miles and then switch to gas. Most hybrid drivers rarely have to buy gas because their daily driving doesn't exceed 30 miles.

- Because EVs remain parked most of the time, they are a highly flexible resource. Charging vehicles when the grid is underutilized allows utilities to spread their fixed costs and puts downward pressure on rates, saving the average New Mexico household up to \$24 on electricity annually..

- Electric vehicles are expected to reach upfront cost parity by model year 2027, when this rule is implemented, and already many EVs cost less upfront than gas cars, even without incentives. EVs benefit consumers on Day 1 in most cases. Low-income customers spend a larger portion of their income on fuel, so this will have disproportionate benefit for low-income customers.

Please adopt The Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks Rules, and bring profound health, economic, and climate benefits to New Mexico as soon as possible.