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Hello--I am an EV owner in NM and I support the proposed rule to increase the threshold for zero emissions vehicles in dealerships across the state.

I purchased my vehicle used. It was just into 3 model years old when I purchased it, and I paid approximately what you would for a gently used, relatively new car--\$20k. However, due to the limited availability of EVs in the state, I purchased mine from WI and paid extra to have it shipped here.

From a cost-of-ownership perspective, it is 10x less expensive to own and use an EV. I pay \$.015-\$.02 per mile to drive (the cost of gas is 10x as expensive at least). I also save money because electric vehicles require zero oil changes and the occasional tire rotation. Yes, you go through tires pretty fast on the awful roads here, but it is still considerably less expensive than a vehicle with a combustion engine.

I believe the rates of EV ownership will increase over time, particularly considering the savings. It also complements the development of a distributed electric grid, which is very important to us in such a sunny state.

Increasing the availability of EVs at dealerships will meet what I believe is an already growing demand. I see more EVs each and every year that goes by and people want them. Increasing the number of EVs also increases the availability of them in the used market, which is thriving in our state.

Please, make it easier for me to buy my next EV without needing to ship it to the state. I'm never buying a gas car again, and many who make the jump feel similarly.