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Members of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board and Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board,

I support the proposed rule to increase the threshold for zero emissions vehicles in dealerships across the state.

After much research I purchased an EV this summer and I was frustrated by the lack of purchasing options available locally. I had decided on a base model with a few options. I found cars meeting my desired trim/options out of state, but given the logistics and cost in dollars and time, I ended up purchasing a fully optioned high end model in Albuquerque, because that was all that was available in the state. I was also disappointed by the lack of knowledge of the entire staff at the dealership regarding EVs. I was much more knowledgeable on the car than they were. I don't understand how they could even sell one to a potential customer if they can't even articulate the features and advantages of an EV. People complain about the cost of EVs, but I believe that the mandate of increased EV sales will provide consumers with more options for affordable ZEVs and incentivize dealers to become more knowledgeable on their EV product line.

Another complaint is the lack of charging infrastructure. I believe the rates of EV ownership will increase over time, which will drive the infrastructure improvements needed to meet the increased demand.

These rules do not take away the consumers ability to purchase ICE vehicles, but allows for those who want that choice better options while addressing pollution and climate change issues.

Thank you,

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