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I am writing in support of the proposed Advanced Clean Car II standards program that our governor introduced this summer. My wife and I are happy owners of two electric vehicles and I often encourage friends and neighbors to make the switch. Our first electric was a BMW i3, purchased in 2015. It has been a great city car, with a battery range of 80 miles, and it serves all my transportation needs around Albuquerque and nearby. For longer trips, five years ago we purchased a Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle) which is great for everyday trips on batteries alone, but which we also can use in hybrid mode for longer road trips. I think a lot of car dealers in Albuquerque limit the number of EVs they bring in because they might make less profit from maintenance over time. This is not fair to New Mexican car buyers. I encourage New Mexico state officials to get behind the proposed new standards and do the right thing for the citizens of the state and for the climate.