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Environmental Improvement Board  
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Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks Rules in New Mexico

Dear Environmental Improvement Board,

I am writing to you as a detailer at AutoMax Truck and Car Center, a role that has given me firsthand insight into the automotive industry in New Mexico. My intention in writing this letter is to express my concerns about the proposed Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks Rules and their potential impact on our industry and clientele.

My primary concern centers around the financial implications these rules could have on our dealership and our customers. Transitioning to a predominantly clean vehicle inventory will undoubtedly require significant investment, not only in the vehicles themselves but also in the necessary infrastructure and training. This could lead to increased costs for consumers, potentially affecting sales and, subsequently, the number of vehicles we service.

Furthermore, as a detailer, I am apprehensive about the training and resources required to adapt to detailing electric and other clean energy vehicles. These vehicles often have different cleaning and maintenance needs compared to traditional combustion engine vehicles. Ensuring that our team is adequately trained and equipped to handle these differences will be a considerable challenge, both logistically and financially.

I also wish to highlight potential challenges in the resale market. The rules may inadvertently depreciate the value of existing vehicle inventory, impacting both our dealership and our customers who wish to trade in their vehicles. This could have a domino effect on the local automotive economy.

While I support the overarching goal of reducing environmental impact and moving towards a sustainable future, I believe that the proposed rules require a more phased and considerate approach. It is crucial to balance the environmental benefits with the economic and practical realities faced by dealerships and consumers alike.

I am hopeful that my concerns, rooted in my daily experiences within the automotive industry, will be taken into consideration. I urge you to engage in further dialogue with industry professionals and stakeholders to ensure that any new regulations are both effective in achieving environmental goals and sustainable for the automotive industry in New Mexico.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am open to any discussions or inquiries you may have regarding my perspective.

Sincerely,

Ubaldo Rodriguez