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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board [Board Address] [City, State, Zip Code]

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Advanced Clean Car II Rules

Dear Members of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Advanced Clean Car II Rules in the state of New Mexico. While I understand the importance of environmental conservation and the need for more sustainable practices, I believe that these proposed regulations may represent regulatory overreach that could have detrimental effects on the already struggling New Mexican economy and the businesses within our state.

It is crucial to acknowledge that New Mexico, like many states, is facing economic challenges, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many businesses have been severely impacted, and the recovery process is still ongoing. As we strive to rebuild our economy, it is imperative that we do so with a balanced approach that considers both environmental concerns and economic stability.

The proposed Advanced Clean Car II Rules, as I understand them, may place excessive burdens on local businesses, particularly those in the automotive industry, which is already dealing with the challenges of the transition to electric and cleaner vehicles. These rules could lead to increased costs for manufacturers and consumers, ultimately impacting the affordability of vehicles for New Mexicans. Such an outcome would be detrimental to the state's economic recovery.

Furthermore, I am concerned that the proposed regulations may not adequately take into account the unique challenges and realities of New Mexico. Our state's vast and diverse geography, combined with its high altitude and variable climate, require vehicles that can perform reliably and effectively. Stricter emissions standards may limit the availability of vehicles suitable for New Mexico's specific conditions, making it harder for businesses and individuals to find the transportation solutions they need.

I urge the Environmental Improvement Board to consider a more balanced approach that takes into account the economic struggles faced by New Mexico and its businesses. It is essential that

we prioritize policies that foster economic growth and job creation while also addressing environmental concerns.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board reevaluates the proposed Advanced Clean Car II Rules and considers the potential consequences of these regulations on our state's economy. A more collaborative approach that engages stakeholders and seeks to find solutions that promote both economic well-being and environmental sustainability would be in the best interest of all New Mexicans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised by me and others in the community.

Sincerely,

Brandon Washburn