

# Austin Denney

Greetings Board Members,

I am for a cleaner environment, but the advanced clean car rule would be detrimental to the state of New Mexico for many reasons. To start, our rural nature makes it very hard to create a viable infrastructure. The cost of this is going to be astronomical. That cost would inevitably be funded by the citizens of this great state pushing us further into poverty. Additionally, another great burden to the citizens would be overall cost of EV vehicles, as the technology is not quite fool proof yet. The cost of EV vehicles are tremendously higher than those of ICE vehicles, which pushes many low income families out of the equation when it comes to purchasing a new vehicle. This would effect not only families looking to purchase new vehicles, but would have a negative impact on the revenue that comes from the car industry. Our economy should not be the only topic of discussion in this equation. I encourage you to also take a look at it from a consumer perspective. Cost of living plays a significant part in the overall mental state of human beings. I, for one, enjoy living a prosperous and happy life while I am on this earth. It is one of the greatest blessings to be secure in home, health, and prosperity. To close, I pose a question to your agenda: If you had a choice would you prolong life in misery, or accept what is and live every moment in bliss?