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Incentivizing EVs is an investment in NM's economy, ecology, communities, and future generations. The ACC II and ACT will grow job opportunities, reduce emissions, and give local communities increased access to affordable and reliable transportation.

The RTD was awarded an \$8 million grant funding a green fleet of vehicles that will cut down on carbon emissions, create more consistent bus routes, double passenger capacity, and increase access for rural communities. While this project is a progressive step, the RTD board's goal is to move to a fully electric fleet within 20 years, leaving decades of carbon emissions and limited accessibility unresolved.

Supporting the ACC II and ACT will incorporate EVs into NM's infrastructure, ensuring car manufacturers fast-track production. NM can be a leader in bringing innovation and technology to our country's transportation sector. Moreover, these policies will have a positive impact on the lives of New Mexicans now and for generations to come.