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As a sustainability professional, mother and New Mexico resident for more than 25 years, I support the adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks Rules.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report makes clear that the reduction of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions must be "deep, rapid and sustained" to ensure a liveable future for all. The adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks Rules builds on the 2022 adoption of the New Mexico Clean Cars Rule and provides a mechanism for continued improvement in the mix of new cars and trucks brought into New Mexico. Together these rulings target the state's second-largest source of GHG emissions. The beneficial economic, environmental and social impacts have been clearly articulated in the published materials for the proposed rules.

Opposition from auto manufacturers is expected but such resistance ignores increasing trends and the actions the world must take to achieve science-based GHG reduction targets. New Mexico would be joining around a third of U.S. states with similar rules already in place, thus helping pave the transition to clean transportation across the country—while highlighting New Mexico's leadership. Because the auto industry's response to the climate crisis and their contributions to it have been insufficient in pace and scale, legislation is needed to spur innovation and accelerate the production of low- and zero-emission vehicles. Forward-thinking manufacturers will have a competition advantage.

New Mexico must stay the course in addressing the climate crisis and protecting the health of its residents, broader society and the environment. The adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks Rules would be an important step in the right direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments.