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Low-income communities and communities of color bear an unfair burden of medium and heavy-duty truck pollution, having suffered generations of systematic marginalization that forces frontline communities to live closer to warehouses, transit centers, and highways.

New Mexico can generate \$3.3 billion in public health, environmental, and economic benefits and avoid more than 28,000 respiratory illnesses by 2050 by transitioning to zero-emission electric trucks, according to a recent study by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

In addition to the environmental and public health benefits, a report found that adopting the Clean Truck standards can lead to:

Significant fuel and maintenance cost savings for trucking companies

Lower electric bills for all consumers

Attract over \$1.4 billion in investments for in-state infrastructure. The supply of zero-emission trucks and buses along a prescribed timeline, more private investments will be attracted to New Mexico.

I am writing to express my strong support for Clean Cars and Trucks and Heavy Duty Omnibus standards to apply to the 2027 model year.

Nine other states have already embraced these standards. Cleaner cars and trucks are a critical tool in solving the urgent climate crisis, but they will also save New Mexicans billions of dollars by 2050 and prevent thousands of deaths and respiratory attacks. New Mexico-specific analyses have found that Clean Cars and Trucks would slash climate pollution by up to 139 million metric tons by 2050, the equivalent of the entire state's emissions in one year, making these standards among the most effective climate policies ever adopted in New Mexico.

They will also help New Mexico access millions in Inflation Reduction Act funding to boost EV infrastructure and make clean cars more accessible, affordable and convenient. In addition, a new study shows full adoption of Clean Cars alone would increase New Mexico economic activity by up to \$44 billion and add nearly 1,000 jobs.

The New Mexico studies also show that Clean Cars and Trucks standards will literally save lives in New Mexico, preventing 158 premature deaths and more than 76,000 cases of respiratory illnesses by 2050. These standards will allow broader access to these money- and life-saving vehicles for all New Mexicans.

The state should seize the opportunity to adopt these standards together in 2023 to get cleaner trucks and cars on our roads sooner and bring New Mexico back in line with life-saving pollution standards. Thank you for your consideration.