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Dear Board Members —

For very personal financial reasons, I support the new rule (reposted) to establish motor vehicle emission standards for new passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles by incorporating the requirements of the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, beginning with model year 2028.

The reason: by supplying our state with new EVs, automakers will induce current EV owners to "trade up" to new EVs, thereby increasing the supply of pre-owned EVs.

For those of us unwilling or unable to afford a new vehicle, a robust market of used EVs will enable us to participate in Maine's initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to achieve better health outcomes.

Adopting the new rule will address EV standards in an equitable manner by expanding the pool of EV drivers.

"Maine Won't Wait" is our state's guiding dynamic in addressing climate change. In that spirit, I urge the Board to adopt the new (reposted) rule so that we as a state can maintain momentum toward a cleaner, healthier future.

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