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As a young Mainer, I am extremely concerned about the future of our climate if we do not make meaningful, swift changes to how we live. I am also a student paying for college though, so I know that the necessary transition to clean transportation must be affordable and accessible if it is going to work. That is why I am writing today in strong support of Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII).

Right now, electric vehicles are still not affordable for many Mainers, including a huge number of young people. Most young people are deeply concerned about the future of our planet, and many would like to join the transition to clean vehicles, but are simply unable to.

ACCII will change this. This rule, already adopted by 13 states, will put the burden on manufacturers to produce more electric vehicles and make them available to Mainers. Not only will this expand the availability of electric cars, but it will also drive down costs. Expanding the new-car market will also lead to the expansion of the used-car market, making electric cars significantly more affordable.

The transition to clean transportation must include everyone. ACCII will drive down costs and increase availability of electric vehicles, allowing young people like me, and many other Mainers, to join the transition our future depends on. We cannot wait. I urge the DEP to adopt ACCII now.

Sincerely,
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