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DEP,

I strongly urge the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt the proposed ACCII standards which will save Mainers money, reduce harmful air pollution, and aid in Maine's efforts to tackle climate change.

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to adopt Advanced Clean Car II standards starting with model year 2028. The proposal not only expands consumer choices by giving Mainers access to more models of zero-emission cars and trucks each year, but also ensures significant savings for Maine drivers, with electric vehicle refueling costs substantially lower than their gas counterparts.

These standards are tailored to our state's climate goals, building on decades of experience in Maine adopting strong standards for tailpipe pollution and fuel efficiency. They will have a significant impact, cutting tailpipe carbon pollution. The flexibility embedded in the program ensures a feasible transition, and manufacturers have been clear that they will be able to meet the targets included in the program. As Maine's largest source of climate pollution, we can't address climate change without tackling pollution from cars and trucks.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Rettenmaier 38 Montgomery St Bangor, ME 04401