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Dear Chair Lessard and Members of the Board of Env

I would like to express my support for the proposed Chapter 127-A, Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) Program, and to ask you to adopt the rule.

In fact, I urge you to go further than the proposal, which stops short of its full potential by running only through 2032. Like the other states that have adopted the rule so far, Maine should continue ramping up zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) requirements, culminating with a 100% requirement for 2035 and beyond.

The need to address climate change has never been more urgent, and the evidence has been all around us this winter, including 4 deaths during the December storm and an overwhelming amount of property damage from the back-to-back January storms.

To avert the worst effects of climate change, we must achieve net-zero Greenhouse Gas emissions by mid-century, and to get there we need to adopt the ACCII Program this year.

Adopting the rule in its more comprehensive and stringent form will have additional benefits, including reducing Mainers' exposure to toxic air pollution that can lead to health problems like increased risk of asthma, lung disease, and cancer. Further, because fuel and maintenance costs for ZEV's are lower than for gasoline-powered cars, the cost of car ownership will be reduced.

There is no time to lose in addressing the climate emergency. We owe it to ourselves, our children and grandchildren to act boldly and decisively now.

Please amend the proposed rule to include zero-emission vehicle requirements for model years after 2032, culminating with a 100% requirement for 2035 and beyond. And please adopt the amended Advanced Clean Cars II rule immediately. There's no time to lose.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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