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Dear Maine Board of Environmental Protection,

Now is the time to transition to cleaner transportation. As a concerned resident, I am writing to urge the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt the Advanced Clean Cars II rule. This rule is vital to ensure rapid reductions in climate-changing emissions and air pollution.

Making the transition to 100 percent zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) sales is a vital step for the Maine to take. Transportation is responsible for more heat-trapping emissions than any other sector in Maine. Tailpipe emissions not only drive climate change but form fine particulate matter, which is associated with the greatest proportion of adverse health effects related to air pollution in the country. ZEVs are a proven technology and will help ensure Maine is on track to meet its climate goals and protect public health.

We are running out of time to address the climate crisis. With each year of inaction, the consequences of unchecked global warming pollution grow more severe at the expense of all Mainers. Severe storms, flooding, heat waves—the list goes on. We have an opportunity to join neighboring states in the Northeast in adopting ambitious ZEV standards. It's time for Maine to continue to step up as a climate leader.

Please adopt the Advanced Clean Cars II rule and make the commitment to cleaner air, healthier communities, and 100 percent ZEVs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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