

Public Statement on Advanced Clean Cars II Standards

Keep Maine Healthy and Pristine

I fell in love with the pristine beauty of Maine as a young girl in the 1960's. It was beautiful then and is still today, because we as Mainers have done so much to keep it that way. Now we can take one more step by supporting the Advanced Clean Cars II Standards. These standards support the transition and access to clean cars.

Why is this important? We know that climate change is impacting our state financially and culturally. Storms, warmer waters and winters, and more challenging fishing and lobstering are just a few examples. But did you also know that the largest source of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions in our state is from transportation?

Learning this, I realized that one of the most effective and in many ways easiest things I could do to reduce my carbon footprint was to switch to an electric vehicle. My goal was to protect the environment, but I was thrilled to discover that my Ford EV is doing much more than that. It is a pleasure to drive and own! It's quiet, odorless, and affordable and easy to charge at home. Research indicates Mainers save between \$19 and \$30 per fill-up and spend less on maintenance too! After 6 successful months of operation, including good performance in very cold weather, ice and snow, we switched our second vehicle to electric as well. We are all in and feel great about it.

When I purchased my first EV, I found available options to be limited, particularly at the lower price end. I was lucky to find a used EV that was more affordable. When we went to purchase a second one, again the options and selection were limited, and they were being snatched up as soon as we found them.

Passing the Advanced Clean Cars II Standards will make it easier for everyone to transition to an EV, by ensuring that manufacturers supply Maine with a greater number and variety of affordable new EVs, and in turn stimulate the used EV market. If we *don't* pass it, affordable EVs will go to states that do have these standards, limiting access to new and used EVs in Maine.