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I write in full support of the proposal to adopt Advanced Clean Car II standards starting with model year 2028.

This rule gives the Board of Environmental Protection the ability to curtail Maine's largest source of carbon pollution and many other pollutants, in alignment with Maine DEP's mission to "... prevent, abate and control the pollution of the air, water and land." If this rule imposes an acceptable burden on the people of Maine, then you have to adopt it. Further, this rule will give us a chance at meeting the goals stated in *Maine Won't Wait*.

But my understanding is that the rule will not impose a burden on the people of Maine. Yes, an electric vehicle might cost more initially, but the initial cost gap between internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles and electric vehicles (EVs) is closing fast. Even if the purchase price gap stalls where it is, the ten year cost (as shown by numerous studies) is less for EVs. So, you are forcing Mainers to save money, have cleaner air and do at least our fair share towards climate change mitigation. I'm good with that.

I wholeheartedly encourage the BEP to adopt the Advanced Clean Cars II Program as soon as possible.

Thank you for protecting our lives and our environment.

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