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Good morning folks

I support the adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars II Program for a variety of reasons which boil down to:

- giving current and future Mainers a cleaner, healthier environment
- providing choices of what vehicles are available
- maintaining our reputation for being a leader in environmental justice and providing an outstanding place to live, work and recreate

The ACCP provides a steady, gradual transition to zero-emissions cars that will provide cleaner air and multiple choices of vehicles (gas or electric) that will save money for families and businesses. The demand for EVs is strong, our charging infrastructure is adequate and growing (with generous federal funding available) and current EV owners love the performance and cost-effectiveness of their vehicles.

Car manufacturers will focus their sales attention on states that support ACCP so if we don't establish ourselves as leaders early on, we'll get left behind and new car availability and costs will suffer. Maine's Climate Goals have burnished our long-established reputation as environmental leaders and activating the higher standards of ACCP will drastically reduce the levels of air pollution from transportation, which is our biggest polluter.

I want to do everything possible to leave my children and grandchildren with the best possible opportunities to live in a clean, healthy environment and I believe the adoption of ACCP will be a positive step to make that happen.

Thanks for listening

Mike Grant