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Dear Editor,

I am writing in support to the Clean Cars II Act up for review by legislation this year. I would like to show my support for this initiative! I have lived in many places around the world. Some with little to no emissions standards and requirements and some with very strict environmental protections in place. I choose the latter and here is why!

In my younger years, I would not have factored this into the equation for my decision on where to live but that was because I had not yet experienced the far extreme of what having no regulations on this matter produces. Having experienced this brought to light the importance of paying attention to the quality of clean air where I live. The struggles of breathing, a sore throat and irritation to my eyes were a daily occurrence.

The decision to move to Maine and become a permanent resident with my family was made with strong consideration for the environmental consciousness and support Maine residents and its leadership gives to the climate crisis at hand. Maine has always exceeded the federal regulations with pride ensuring that they are doing more than "the bare minimum." By passing this legislation, it will be making great strides towards keeping Maine beautiful and continue to stand out as one of the MOST BEAUTIFUL places to live in the United States!

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my letter of support!

Sincerely,  
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-Steve

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