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My name is Anna Siegel, I am a student and resident of Yarmouth, and I am writing **in support** of the Advanced Clean Cars II rule to be adopted this year and through 2035. I am also the Advocacy Director of Maine Youth Action, an organization that empowers youth to engage in Maine politics by fighting for bold and equitable climate policy.

Maine Youth Action supports the adoption of the full Advanced Clean Cars II rule through 2035. As the climate crisis intensifies, urgent action must be taken to reduce the transportation emissions that endanger our present and my future. Adopting these rules is an essential step towards a clean energy and sustainable future. They are also crucial for public health. Public health has been on everyone's minds since the onset of the pandemic. Combined with the recent climate-fueled rise in wildfires, air quality is more pressing an issue than ever.

I have a family member with severe asthma and another disorder that is triggered by particulates in the air. Days that look sunny blue for others are chokingly polluted for her. There are days where all I can do is speak for her, find the inhaler, try to ignore the wheezes, and hope it will get better. But I no longer have to cross my fingers and hope—adopting the full Advanced Clean Cars II rule through 2035 is a solution for my family member and for everyone who struggles because of air pollution. In 2020, the national passenger vehicle fleet represented approximately 94 percent of the nation's on-road vehicles and generated over one million tons of ozone- and particle-forming NOx emissions, and over 33,400 tons of fine particles annually. With the adoption of steady, gradual sales targets for pollution-free electric cars we can address these dire air quality problems. We can clear our air, protect communities near dense roadways, and prevent all-too-common diseases such as asthma that afflict many Mainers, particularly children and marginalized communities.

I urge you to adopt the full Advanced Clean Cars II rule through 2035, for the climate we live in and the air we breathe.

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