

Dear Maine Department of Environmental Protection,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in support of the Advanced Clean Clean Cars II (ACCI) rule this year in Maine. I urge you to strengthen the state's tailpipe emission standards and phase out all internal combustion engine vehicle sales by 2030.

Exposure to toxic tailpipe pollution such as NO<sub>x</sub>, Particulate Matter (PM), and ozone is linked to higher rates of premature death, cancer, heart disease, and breathing problems like asthma in kids and adults. While the American Lung Association's 2022 State of the Air Report Card designated Bangor as one of the cleanest US cities for ozone and short and long term particle pollution, 40% of Maine counties where data is collected received poor grades due to high ozone days. Adopting clean cars rules is one of their top recommendations for state action.

We are counting on you to protect the health of Maine's citizens and our climate by leading the transition to an all-electric future. Passing a strong ACCII rule will ensure Maine meets its transportation greenhouse gas reduction targets and improves our state's air quality.

Sincerely,