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I am in favor of the proposed Advanced Clean Cars II Program proposal. The proposal makes sense to support for both environmental and economic reasons.

Any means to reduce pollution and carbon in our atmosphere will produce cleaner air and a reduction in greenhouse gasses that are already impacting our environment. Maine is already experiencing climate change issues that are negatively impacting our coast and our forests.

The investments made in electric powered vehicles will positively impact our state's economy through investments in infrastructure such as a charging network and upgrades to our electrical grid. We should also see the construction of home and business chargers. Many good paying, local jobs should be a result of all of this investment.

People and businesses should actually find they will pay less for energy costs - especially for transportation.

A cleaner environment should lead to improved health care which should prove less taxing on our health care system and also lead to lower health insurance costs. We will hopefully be also mitigating the effects of climate change on our resources which should save the state money while preserving our ways of life.

As the U.S. transitions to electric vehicles, Maine needs to move ahead on investing in electric vehicles and the resulting support infrastructure to keep up with one of our most valuable economic pieces - the tourism industry. Much of our tourism is literally driven by people who drive to Maine. Having the infrastructure in place will continue to encourage tourism and the value provided to our economy.

Thank you for providing this forum and the means to weigh in on the proposal.

Regards,

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