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This summer's heat spikes, flooding, and devastating wildfires are a stark reminder that climate change is here and now. We have a responsibility to slow the crisis's impacts for the sake of our health and the climate.

That's why, as a Maine resident, I want you to adopt the clean cars and clean trucks standards. But you must adopt both fully, mandating passenger vehicle manufacturers sell 100% electric cars and light-duty trucks by 2035.

It's no secret that transportation is the largest source of carbon pollution fueling climate change in our state. That's on top of the fact that these very same fossil fuel-powered cars spew toxic pollutants into our air, lowering Maine's air quality.

If this threat to our families' health isn't enough, our car-congested highways and roads are disproportionately located in or near low-income communities and communities of color. No one deserves to have noxious tailpipe fumes looming over their homes, loved ones, and children.

That's why I'm asking you to adopt the clean cars and clean trucks standards. And that's why I'm asking you to adopt both all the way to 2035. Maine deserves your commitment to a healthy climate and future.

Gratefully,

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