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Chair Randolph and Members of the Board
California Air Resources Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Chair Randolph:

Thank you for California's continued leadership to accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles. Green Energy Consumers Alliance supports setting strong standards that states like ours can also adopt. We are writing to urge you to strengthen the proposed Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII) rule to enable our states to meet their greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction requirements.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance is a non-profit organization working in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to harness the power of energy consumers to speed the transition to a low-carbon future. We run a series of programs and services to help consumers in our two states access various clean energy technologies (like electric vehicles) and then leverage our experience working directly with individuals to influence the policy advocacy work we do at the state level. California's actions on ACCII will directly impact both of our states' abilities to meet our GHG reduction requirements: 50% under 1990 levels by 2030 in Massachusetts and 45% in Rhode Island.

ACCII is one of the most significant opportunities to address the number one source of dangerous air and climate pollutants in the nation and will make us less reliant on expensive and volatile fossil fuels that wreak havoc on our family budgets and economy. **Developing an ACC II rule that ensures that car manufacturers accelerate their production of pollution-free cars and place these vehicles in frontline communities is the only way to achieve environmental justice.**

We urge you to:

1. Strengthen interim ZEV sales requirements for electric cars so that 100% of new vehicle sales are electric by 2030;
2. Including stronger equity provisions that ensure car-makers increase affordability and access to pollution-free cars in frontline communities.

Massachusetts is required to adopt California's vehicle regulations when they are stricter than federal standards, and the Rhode Island legislature is considering legislation to require it to do the same. Both of our states are counting on you to set strong air pollution standards so that we can follow suit. We need bold action that matches this moment of crisis. Don't pass up this historic



opportunity to create a healthier, more just and vibrant economic future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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