Dear Chair Randolph and Members of the Board,

My name is Sharon Geiser and I am writing on behalf of the Pass Democratic Club”s 75 members and the Beaumont/Banning Pass Area o urge you to strengthen the Advanced Clean Cars II rule - one of the most significant opportunities to address the state’s number one source of dangerous air and climate pollutantsandmake us less reliant on expensive and volatile fossil fuels that wreak havoc on our family budgets and economy.

Low-income communities and communities of color bear an unfair burden of [fuel costs](https://www.aceee.org/blog-post/2021/05/analysis-gasoline-costs-consume-nearly-20-some-household-budgets#:~:text=Analysis%3A%20Gasoline%20Costs%20Consume%20Nearly%2020%25%20of%20Some%20Household%20Budgets,-May%2020%2C%202021&text=Many%20of%20the%20lowest%2Dincome,for%20an%20Energy%2DEfficient%20Economy.) and [harmful pollution](https://www.lung.org/media/press-releases/ca-sota-22), [having suffered generations of systematic marginalization](https://www.npr.org/2022/03/10/1085882933/redlining-pollution-racism). Ensuing car manufacturers accelerate their production of pollution-free cars and making sure they’re placed in frontline communities is the only way to achieve environmental justice.

Families on a budget spend as much as [20% of their income on fuel](https://www.aceee.org/blog-post/2021/05/analysis-gasoline-costs-consume-nearly-20-some-household-budgets#:~:text=Analysis%3A%20Gasoline%20Costs%20Consume%20Nearly%2020%25%20of%20Some%20Household%20Budgets,-May%2020%2C%202021&text=Many%20of%20the%20lowest%2Dincome,for%20an%20Energy%2DEfficient%20Economy.), and that’s likely more with gasoline still [hovering above $5 a gallon](https://gasprices.aaa.com/?state=CA) in the state. And, the [latest IPCC report](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/resources/press/press-release/) says we are running out of time to take bold action on the climate crisis that disproportionately impacts frontline communities. California’s clean transportation leadership is also at stake. The state’s [biggest export](https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/state/data/ca.html) is electric vehicles. But, now, the state is [falling quickly behind](https://www.iea.org/reports/global-ev-outlook-2021/trends-and-developments-in-electric-vehicle-markets) France, Germany, the U.K, China and other countries when it comes to electric car sales. And, automakers are shifting resources to countries where there are stronger policies, [driving up investment and jobs in the regions](https://theicct.org/publication/power-play-evaluating-the-u-s-position-in-the-global-electric-vehicle-transition/). [Research](https://www.next10.org/publications/ev-benefits) shows that accelerating electric car adoption in California could provide a massive economic stimulus - resulting in more than 350,000 new jobs.

Critical to achieving Governor Newsom’s target of 100% pollution-free electric car sales by 2035 are strong, interim, year-over-year sales requirements that overcome loopholes and credits that will leave hundreds of thousands of polluting vehicles on the road for decades.

**The current proposed Advanced Clean Car program update falls short on those interim sales targets and leaves under-resourced communities without strong policy considerations that would deliver more affordable, pollution-free transportation options.**

You can save lives, help us cut ties with volatile fossil fuel prices and fight the climate crisis by:

* **Strengthening interim sales targets for electric cars to 75% in 2030.**

* **Including mandatory equity provisions that ensure car-makers increase affordability and access to pollution-free cars in frontline communities.**

It’s your duty to set strong air pollution standards that will save lives. We need bold action that matches this moment of crisis. Don’t pass up this opportunity to create a healthier, more just and vibrant economic future for California.  
  
Thank you for your consideration,

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