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Chair Randolph and Members of the Board  
California Air Resources Board

1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Randolph:

On behalf of the seven signatory groups below and the concerned residents that we represent in Washington State, we are writing to thank you for California's continued leadership to accelerate the transition to zero emission vehicles by setting strong standards that states like ours can also adopt. In Washington, we will be adopting the Advanced Clean Cars II rule by the end of this year. A strong regulation is critical to enabling our state to meet its own greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. This regulation 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. Therefore, we ask that **the program strengthen its interim sales targets and include robust equity provisions that ensure pollution-free cars can be accessed by those in frontline communities.**

Low-income communities and communities of color bear an especially unfair burden of fuel costs and [harmful pollution](#), [having suffered generations of systematic marginalization](#). Lower-income families spend as much as [20% of their income on fuel](#), and that's likely more with gasoline still [hovering above \\$4 a gallon](#) nationwide thanks to the volatility of the global oil market and the near-monopoly gas and diesel still hold on transportation fuels. **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 a critical action to achieve environmental justice.**

The [latest IPCC report](#) says we are running out of time to take bold action on the climate crisis that impacts us all, and especially those in frontline communities. The strongest possible Advanced Clean Cars program is the best tool states have for slashing emissions from the transportation sector, which in many states is the greatest source of climate emissions. In Washington, the transportation sector is responsible for [the most](#) climate pollution, and [about half](#) of greenhouse gas emissions in this sector come from passenger vehicles. To meet our [state greenhouse gas emission limits](#), we must **halve** climate pollution by 2030.

Thus, to meet our climate targets and advance environmental justice, our state needs an Advanced Clean Car program with strong interim, year-over-year ZEV sales requirements that overcome loopholes and credits that will leave hundreds of thousands of polluting vehicles on the road for decades. **However, 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 stave off catastrophic climate impacts by:

- **Strengthening interim ZEV sales requirements for electric cars, including *at minimum* 75% ZEV sales by 2030.**
- **Including stronger equity provisions that ensure car-makers increase access to pollution-free cars in frontline communities.**

We cannot afford the health and climate costs associated with burning fossil fuels. In Washington, an estimated [1,100 people](#) die annually due to air pollution, which is compounded by climate impacts, such as wildfire smoke and deadly heat waves. We are working hard to pass and implement policy that will cut climate and air pollution—but when it comes to vehicle emissions, we need California’s leadership.

Our state is 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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