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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 signatory groups below and the concerned residents that we represent in the state of Maryland, 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.

While the proposed Advanced Clean Cars II rule contains many provisions that we support, we urge you to adopt a stronger and more equitable rule. 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.

Low-income communities and communities of color bear an especially unfair burden of fuel costs and [harmful pollution](#), [having suffered generations of systematic marginalization](#). **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.**

Families on a budget spend as much as [20% of their income on fuel](#), and that's likely more with gasoline still [hovering above \\$4 a gallon](#) nationwide. And, the [latest IPCC report](#) says we are running out of time to take bold action on the climate crisis that disproportionately impacts 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. Within the transportation sector, over 70% of climate pollution comes from passenger cars and trucks.

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 fight the climate crisis by:

- **Strengthening interim ZEV sales requirements for electric cars.**
- **Including stronger equity provisions that ensure car-makers increase affordability and access to pollution-free cars in frontline communities.**

We cannot afford the health and climate costs associated with burning fossil fuels. We owe it to future generations to act boldly to cut climate pollution from cars and trucks. If we don't significantly cut our climate pollution, the [average 6-year-old](#) will live through roughly three times as many climate disasters as their grandparents and will see twice as many wildfires.

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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