

EXPERT LETTER: STRENGTHEN AND ADOPT ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM

To: California Air Resources Board

We, the undersigned California-based scientists and experts, urge the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to strengthen and adopt the Advanced Clean Car II Rule. This rule is vital to ensuring a rapid transition from gasoline-powered vehicles to cleaner, zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) as soon as possible.

In California, the evidence of climate change we can already see, including heat waves, drought, and wildfire, impact virtually everyone in the state. This rule would address the largest single category of human-caused emissions, passenger vehicles, which are responsible for more than a quarter of our state's global warming pollution.

Eliminating tailpipe emissions will also protect public health through improved air quality. In California, while all will benefit from reduced exposure to air pollution from cars and trucks, prioritizing deployment of ZEVs in pollution-burdened communities of color and low-income communities is critical to improving health and in reducing inequities in pollution exposure.

While we applaud the work done so far on this historic rule, we urge ARB to adopt a more ambitious timeline in the ZEV program, ensuring at least 75 percent of new car sales be zero emission by 2030. Furthermore, we urge ARB to consider additional requirements to encourage ZEV sales and reduce tailpipe pollution in low-income communities and communities of color who have suffered from air pollution for too long.

The California ARB has a history and a responsibility of leadership in setting bold environmental standards that that improve our health and quality of life. Only California has the power to set standards that other ambitious states can adopt. ARB needs to meet this moment with aggressive action to cut climate warming emissions and speed the transition to clean vehicles for everyone in the country. Please use your leadership and put us all on a faster path to 100 percent ZEVs.

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