

May 31, 2022

Chair Randolph
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

## Dear Chair Randolph:

The <u>Nevada Clean Cars Coalition</u> represents a diverse coalition of more than 80 business leaders, conservationists, science and public health advocates, labor representatives, community organizations, local governments, and consumer groups with a shared commitment to improving air quality and addressing climate change, while creating a more equitable and inclusive Nevada.

Our coalition was proud to support Gov. Steve Sisolak's administration in joining the growing number of Clean Car states last year. With Nevada seeking to meet the bold but necessary goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, we are writing to express our support for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) setting strong standards that states like ours can also adopt. We urge you to adopt Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) with strong ZEV requirements and equity components to help Nevada accelerate its transition to zero emission vehicles

The transportation sector is a major contributor to air quality problems in Northern and Southern Nevada, and is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. Pollution from fossil-fuel vehicles exacerbates health problems for Nevada's communities of color and its most vulnerable citizens, including children, the elderly, and anyone with respiratory conditions like asthma.

Within the transportation sector, over 70% of climate pollution comes from passenger cars and trucks. That's why ACC II is one of the most significant opportunities to address this issue, while also making us less reliant on the expensive and volatile fossil fuels that are wreaking havoc on family budgets and the economy. 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. Fossil fuel price increases have also been a major driver of inflation across the country.

The impacts of climate change and vehicle pollution are disproportionately impacting historically underserved communities, with lower-income families and communities of color being hit first and worst. That's why it's important to develop stronger environmental justice and equity mechanisms in ACC II that remedy these economic and health disparities and make EVs accessible for all.

For these reasons, we ask CARB to adopt an ACC II program that:

- Strengthens ZEV sales requirements for electric vehicles
- Includes strong equity provisions to better distribute the program's benefits
- Allows all Section 177 states wishing to adopt stronger standards to access these benefits as well

Our coalition thanks you for your continued leadership in reducing transportation pollution. We look forward to supporting Nevada in adopting an ACC II that puts us on track to meet our climate goals and seizes this historic opportunity to create a healthier and more vibrant future.

Sincerely,

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