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Clerk of the board California Air Resources Board,

Dear Air Resources Board,

I urge you to restore California's leadership on clean cars by accelerating the state's transition to 100% electric vehicles and requiring cleaner new gas-powered ones.

Climate pollution from gas-powered cars and trucks makes up nearly 30% of total emissions in California. These vehicles are a massive driver of the climate emergency, devastating our state with deadlier, more damaging wildfires, heat waves, and drought.

Historically we've led the nation on setting strong auto emissions standards — but the current clean cars proposal falls short of the action we need.

If we don't reach 100% zero-emission vehicle sales until 2035, it will be too late for California to meet its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045, since many new vehicles last 20 years or longer. Moving that target to 2030 will give our state a better chance of meeting its climate goals and remaining a global leader on clean cars.

And until we reach that target in 2030, California can't ignore the climate-damaging emissions from new gas cars. It needs to take action to make sure they emit less as they drive our roads for decades.

This action is also critical to protect the health of communities hit hardest by tailpipe pollution. Cancer-causing vehicle exhaust harms people's health and particularly hurts low-income communities of color near congested freeways.

California must lead the way with strong policy solutions to end tailpipe pollution and build an environmentally just transportation system. New clean car standards must ensure equitable access to electric vehicles.

We urge you to adopt strong clean car rules that require:

* 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2030.

* 7% annual pollution cuts from gas-powered cars in the meantime.

* Mandatory equity commitments to ensure that communities most affected by pollution benefit from electric vehicles first and foremost.

This transition is a tremendous opportunity to create family-supporting, high-road jobs for Californians. We urge you to seize this moment and adopt nation-leading clean car standards that slash climate pollution, ensure equity, and promote good jobs.

Sincerely,

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