

## Comment on ACCII

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My name is John Irwin. I live in New Castle County.

I'm here because we need to move forward rapidly to transition to a clean transportation system here in Delaware.

Now is the time to adopt the Advanced Clean Cars II rules as adopted by California.

We need to do this because we are in a climate emergency that is driven and made worse by the emission of greenhouse gases like those produced by gasoline and diesel engines. Transportation is the largest sector causing these emissions for Delaware and the US.

Climate scientists have made it clear that we need to take decisive action to reduce these greenhouse gas emissions over this decade.

We need to do this because we have a large problem with young people suffering from asthma and older people suffering from lung damage. Our poor air quality across the state is particularly affecting low income and underserved communities near industrial and other heavily traveled areas.

We need to make our traditional gas burning cars pollute less and transition to clean cars that will not add dangerous fumes to the air. Following the Advanced Clean Cars II rules would make a huge difference by 2035, reducing the Nitrous Oxide emissions by 79%, particulate matter emissions by 48% and sulfur dioxide emissions by 48% below 2021 levels here in Delaware.

We need to adopt these rules also to be able to find electric cars here in Delaware at our dealerships. I don't want to have to go out of state to find a car. This program will make sure we can buy EVs here in Delaware by 2026.

Are there going to be problems to solve? Yes. Will it cost money to save lives and give us a better future and a chance at a livable climate? Of course.

Will we have to make changes in how we do things to stop making our climate worse? Yes.

I want all the young people in my life to have a chance at a climate that they can enjoy. We have been lucky enough to have a moderate climate in our lifetime, but we can see it begin to move in a dangerous direction. We owe it to our children and all future generations to make sacrifices if necessary to do what must be done.

Please adopt these important regulations.

John

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg