



Hello, my name is Sue Vatnick. My husband and I live in northern Delaware. I am a retired special education teacher and a mother. I am working with 2 organizations that are trying to put the brakes on climate change.

My family lives in a neighborhood very near Interstate 95 in New Castle County. Over the 30 years we have lived here, I have worried a great deal about the exposure to air pollution that my family has had. Every time I clean the windows of our car or house, I am wiping away black engine soot. The black grime is what I can see. What isn't visible are the plumes of dirty air drifting over our neighborhood and other neighborhoods in proximity to major highways. These fumes are known to cause increases in the risk of cancer, asthma, heart disease and other illnesses.

According to a recent report of the American Lung Association, transportation and electricity are the leading sources of unhealthy air and pollutants that are causing climate change. New Castle County, where I live, received a failing grade for ozone levels from the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" report. Transportation emissions was the largest source of Green House Gas emissions in Delaware in 2018. Passenger cars and small trucks make up 60% of Delaware's transportation emissions.

In the American Lung Association's recent report, it was found that a national shift to 100% sales of zero emission passenger vehicles by 2035 and medium to heavy trucks by 2040, coupled with renewable electricity, would generate over \$1.2 trillion in public health benefits between 2020 and 2050.

I care about the health and wellbeing of my family and fellow Delawareans. Clean air is a necessity and a right for all of us. We must put the brakes on climate change if there is to be a livable future for us, our children and our grandchildren. I urge you to move forward and adopt the ACCII program for Delaware. It is the best tool states have for slashing emissions from the transportation sector. Thank you.