

Governor Maura Healey
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon St.,
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

May 2, 2025

Dear Governor Healey:

We, the undersigned 70 environmental, environmental justice, consumer, public health, housing, labor, and community organizations and businesses urge you to stay the course and implement the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII) regulations beginning with model year 2026, as planned.

ACCII is designed to facilitate the gradual transition of the fleet to electric vehicles (EVs) by requiring manufacturers to increase the availability of EVs year over year. The obligation to comply sits with *automakers*, not dealers or customers. Compliance is feasible in Massachusetts thanks to the variety and availability of passenger EVs, flexibilities built into the rule, and Massachusetts' strong support for electrification via complementary state programs, not to mention the ingenuity and leadership of businesses across the Commonwealth. Supportive state policies, such as the Department of Energy Resources' MOR-EV incentive program, Department of Environmental Protection's MassEVIP fleet and charger incentive programs, our electric utilities' charging incentive programs, various Massachusetts Clean Energy Center programs, and the coordination of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council, *complement* ACCII but cannot supplant it. These existing public programs enjoy popular support across the Commonwealth, and delaying ACCII would undermine their success and reach.

We need ACCII to:

- **Protect public health:** Fossil-fuel powered vehicles are responsible for noxious air pollution that harms human health. These impacts are most acutely felt in communities of color and low-income communities. Delaying ACCII would delay reductions in these harmful emissions, at a time when air quality in Massachusetts is getting worse.¹
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions:** Transportation is the largest sector source of greenhouse gas emissions in the Commonwealth, and implementing ACCII is a key strategy in the Commonwealth's Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030. Without ACCII, it is undeniable that we will be unable to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 as required by state law.
- **Protect consumer choice:** Section 177 states see more EV variety and availability than non-Section 177 states. Without ACCII, Massachusetts residents and businesses will have less access to the EV models that can help them save money on fuel and maintenance, and the

¹ Douglas, Erin, "Air quality is getting worse in coastal New England," Boston Globe, April 23, 2025, available at: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2025/04/23/science/air-quality-lung-association-new-england-report/>

market for used EVs will not grow as quickly or robustly.

Automakers and fossil fuel companies are waging a national campaign against ACCII, both federally and within Section 177 states. We were extremely disheartened by the Executive Order issued by the Governor of Maryland to delay implementation of ACCII by two years without any process for public comment. The Trump administration is attempting to revoke the waivers granted by the Environmental Protection Agency for ACCII and may very well go after the legal framework that allows states to adopt vehicle regulations that are stricter than federal standards. Unless or until Congress revokes states' authority to implement vehicle emissions standards, states must take full opportunity to facilitate the transition. It's more important than ever for Massachusetts to stand firm and not delay ACCII.

Sincerely,

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Better Together Brain Trust, LLC dba BT2 Energy
Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA)
Brookhaven Residents Climate Change Committee
Cape Ann Climate Coalition Organizing Committee
Center for EcoTechnology (CET)
Ceres
ChargePoint
Clean Water Action
Climate Code Blue
Climate Reality Project Massachusetts Southcoast
Commonwealth Green Low-Income Housing Coalition
Conservation Law Foundation
Cooler Communities
Edgartown Climate Committee
Eastie Farm
Elders Climate Action Mass Chapter
Environmental League of Massachusetts
Gas Transition Allies (GTA)
Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility (GBPSR)
Green Energy Consumers Alliance

GreenLatinos
Green Weymouth
Health Care Without Harm
Hingham Net Zero
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103
It's Electric, Inc.
Living the Change Berkshires
Lee Greener Gateway Committee
Lexington Climate Action Network (LexCAN)
LISC Massachusetts
Massachusetts Climate Action Network
Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light
Mass Audubon
MassEnergize
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Mothers Out Front, Newton
Mothers Out Front, Northampton
Mothers Out Front, Sommerville
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National Wildlife Federation
Net Zero Foundation
Newton EV Task Force
Plug In America
Quincy Climate Action Network
Renew Worcester
Revitalize Community Development Corporation
Salem Alliance for the Environment (SAFE)
Sierra Club Massachusetts
Spark Energy Conservation
Sustainable Middleborough
Sustainable Wellesley
Sustainable Winchester
Transform Power Systems
Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA)
Union of Concerned Scientists
Upper Charles Climate Action
Western Mass Transportation Advocacy Network (WMTAN)
Westside Legends
Williamstown COOL Committee
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