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Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter responds to Clean Cars and Trucks passage

After four long days of hearings, New Mexico's Environmental Improvement Board and Albuquerque-Bernalillo Air Quality Control Board voted to adopt [Clean Cars II standards through 2032, as well as Clean Trucks and Heavy-Duty Omnibus Standards](#), after 9 p.m. Thursday.

In response, Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter Director Camilla Feibelman issued the following statement:

"Clean Cars and Trucks Standards will literally save lives in New Mexico. We heard from experts who pointed out that EV owners save at least \$14,000 over the life of the car. We heard from commenter after commenter who told the boards about buying EVs they love for less than \$25,000 and plugging their car into a wall outlet overnight to charge. But most had to go out of state to buy them. These standards will allow everyone to find the clean cars they want in New Mexico and support New Mexico businesses.

"The boards said 'yes' to one of the most effective climate policies New Mexico could possibly adopt. Now it's time to make sure New Mexicans know how to access incentives like utility rebates for EV chargers and installation in homes, businesses and multi-unit housing, and to ensure that New Mexico accelerates its recent impressive progress at installing fast charging stations in locations like Socorro, Española, Rito and Elephant Butte.

"We are so grateful to the governor and these two boards for moving these pivotal standards forward."

Sierra Club fact sheet: <https://www.riograndesierraclub.org/advanced-clean-cars/>
Comprehensive [Q&A on EVs](#).