

Dear Maine Department of Environmental Protection,

Acadia National Park is one of the crown jewels of the National Park System. Unfortunately, Acadia and its millions of visitors often suffer from poor air quality, hazy skies, and diminished views largely because of transportation pollution from our cars and trucks.

Maine's transportation sector produced half of statewide greenhouse gas emissions in 2022. Not only does that pollution spoil the view atop Cadillac Mountain and other scenic lookouts, but it also drives climate change and threatens the health of park visitors, park staff, and local communities. We must take immediate action.

Accelerating the sale of electric vehicles is one of the single biggest actions we can take to make a positive impact. Maine should adopt California's Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks standards. By doing so, Maine will realize economic, climate, and public health benefits thanks to more widespread electric vehicle adoption.

Without adopting these clean car and clean truck standards, Maine will be unable to reach its greenhouse gas reduction targets. To ensure healthy air and clear skies at Acadia National Park, Maine must adopt the clean car and clean truck standards by the end of 2023.

Finally, we encourage the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to go further than the proposed rules by setting a goal of 100% of new light-duty car sales to be electric by 2035.

Regards,