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Hello, my name is Chase Bell and I'm a freshman at Northwestern University in Evanston. My life has been limited due to car dependency living in the suburbia, but I've had it easy as we have cars at home; however, I have a friend who has been killed in a car accident and other friends who have lost opportunities to do activities (an awesome activity called indoor percussion, and marching band) because they didn't have a parent to drive. While my ideal world would involve less cars and more public transport due to these experiences, the next logical step to me is to start transitioning our newer vehicles to electric. While the metals used in electric cars aren't sustainable, there are battery advancements happening and I believe a shift to electric cars is a better option. The alternative is allowing gas/diesel to disproportionately harm communities that are historically redlined, with less green space, and that aren't able to pull the "not in my backyard" card. Less gas cars (in the form of electric cars) and a shift to community and carpooling can make our roads safer. Now is the best time to do something.

I support passing the clean vehicle standards.