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Dear Board Members,

I've always believed that good policy is supposed to help people — especially those who work hard and don't ask for much. The kind of people who keep things running, raise families, pay taxes, and don't expect the system to be perfect — just fair.

That's why this mandate is so frustrating. It's being sold as progress, but it doesn't seem to consider the lives most people are actually living. Not everyone can afford to make a major switch overnight. Not everyone has access to new infrastructure. And not everyone feels like their voice was part of the conversation.

I want a cleaner future too. But it has to be built in a way that includes people, not burdens them. A policy that makes life harder for the folks who already carry the heaviest load — that's not justice. That's just another system leaving them out.

Please don't move forward with a rule that puts more weight on people who are already doing everything they can.

Thank you,
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