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Ms. Susan Lessard, Chair, Maine Board of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Good morning,

I recently saw an article in the York County Coast Star's December 15, 2023 issue entitled "Maine considers limiting sale of gas-powered cars", and a proposal being put before Maine's Board of Environmental Protection, titled "Advanced Clean Cars II". I also saw that the Board's December 21, 2023 meeting was cancelled, so I am writing to provide some additional public comment on the proposal before the BEP.

As part of my public comment, I am providing Ms. Lessard with copies of two letters that I sent to companies and people with a direct interest in the fuel debate, dated July 25, 2023 and August 19, 2023, and ask that she share copies of this letter and those letters with all members of the Board of Environmental Protection.

I can surmise that the most extreme people will continue to put such proposals before the Board of Environmental Protection, so I will commend you in advance for any moderation you can offer to the process. While national defense may not be in the realm of the BEP's concerns, it would be quite unfortunate to have to look back and wish that such stringent car sales requirements had not been imposed on Maine consumers. Requiring that 43% of new car sales be zero emissions by 2027 and 82% of new car sales be zero emissions by 2032 is VERY extreme in my opinion. Furthermore, the planet does need some carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to facilitate plant growth.

You CANNOT force Maine buyers into that quite difficult position FINANCIALLY, and you CANNOT effectively give the country of China full control over Americans' vehicle purchase choices and decisions. IT IS THE COUNTRY OF CHINA THAT IS BUILDING MOST ELECTRIC VEHICLES, ABROAD AND IN ~~CHINA~~ <sup>the United States</sup>. Frankly, I think that the states that have already bought into such extreme, poorly thought out thinking are quite short-sighted.

I would urge DEP and BEP officials to send copies of my letters to your colleagues in the states of Vermont, Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts, New York, Colorado, Maryland, New Mexico, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, and California, to urge them to reconsider their rash and frankly anti-national defense actions.

In my opinion, extreme climate is a result of poorly frayed families, unsustainable global population growth, and a few computer tech people who are trying to control every aspect of life on the planet with their computers, quite often unsuccessfully in my opinion. Good luck to members of Maine's DEP and Maine's Board of Environmental Protection.

