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Good afternoon, Ms. Cayting,

I would like to have my opposition to Chapter 127 listed amongst the other opponents of the program.

For the following reasons, do I oppose to this program:

- the replacement of batteries is very expensive; and, as the battery degrades, its efficiency becomes poorer and poorer, which would then limit the distance that could be traveled per charge;
- the initial cost of purchasing the vehicle is high, which will limit the number of households who could afford to have a vehicle;
- inconsistency with the availability of charging stations, not to mention the amount of time it would take to recharge the battery; If a person is traveling a long distance, they would have to wait for several hours for their batteries to full recharge before continuing to their destination;

- the driving range of the vehicle is much more limited compared to a gas-fueled vehicle;
- the making of electric cars creates more emissions than running a gas-fueled vehicle;
- electricity still costs money, so these cars do not eliminate fuel costs and charging during peak hours could be an overload to our already taxed power grid;
- electric cars have a lower resale value compared to gas-fueled cars;
- who would be responsible for installing charging stations? This would, no doubt, be an additional tax added on to the public;
- electric cars are not completely green, as some people would have us believe. The production of the batteries alone has a huge impact on the environment.

These are just a few reasons why I oppose the Chapter 127 Advanced Clean Car II Program. If we wanted to be like California, with all of their unsubstantiated ideas, then we could simply move there. However, the people of Maine should be able to choose how we want our state to proceed in this matter. We should have the choice of what kind of vehicle we wish to drive.

Thank you for your time,

Bonnie Hunter