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Subject: Chapter 127-A Advanced Clean Cars II Program, or "California rule,"

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to inform you of my objection to the passing of the Advanced Clean Cars II Program, also known as the "California rule."

This is not practical for the State of Maine. There is insufficient charging infrastructure and knowledgeable repairmen in our State to sustain that number of EV's. Not to mention that power outages often accompany our Winter weather here.

Also, the older population and lower income average of Maine are challenges in Mainers being able to afford expensive EV's. Most of the people I know drive older second-hand vehicles because they can't afford new gas vehicles, let alone new electric vehicles which cost tens of thousands more! I personally own a 2011 Toyota which I paid less than \$7,000 for second-hand.

I'm also concerned that this push to electrify everything will be as detrimental to our environment and society as the old alternatives! Mining lithium and cutting trees for solar fields seems counter productive. Even wind turbines wear out quickly and must be maintained/replaced frequently and are also a concern for high count bird deaths. I worry that a mostly electric transportation sector will cause Maine greater problems than we have now.

Please listen to the will of Maine citizens and do not pass this legislation. It will complicate our lives here in Maine.

Thanks for reading and considering my comments as a concerned Mainer!

Sincerely,
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