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**Maine Department of Environmental Protection**  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

**Subj: Please vote against proposed electric vehicle/emissions timetable mandate**

Dear Sir/Madam:

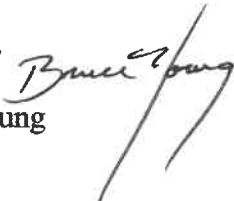
**A disturbing Associated Press article (12/15) threatens that 47% of Maine vehicles will have to have zero emissions by 2027, and 82% by 2032, to “be like California.”**

When this proposal comes before you, please consider:

- (1) Maine is NOT California. We don't have smog and, because of our topography and ruralness, have very clean air.**
- (2) A multi-car accident on the Maine Turnpike, especially during tourist season, could see thousands of electric vehicles draining out their batteries by running their A/Cs in summer (or heaters in winter). How many DAYS would it take to tow all these cars (and later recharge them!)? And how many vacationers would ever return to Maine?**
- (3) The electricity to power/charge these vehicles is (at this time) primarily created by burning fossil fuels.**
- (4) Gas station close-downs and tank removal costs and jobs lost.**
- (5) Maine is a mostly-rural state, and would have to install “tens of thousands of additional charging ports” (regardless if the government subsidizes them with our tax dollars and interest-incurring bonds sold to China) throughout the largest state in New England. It kinda reminds one of Dick Curless/Danny Fulkerson's Haynesville Woods song, “A Tombstone Every Mile.”**
- (5) Historically, Mainers are thrifty and independent-thinking people, and reluctant to be forced into something that's more expensive than has normally been prudent.**
- (6) You may remember back when Maine wisely refused to allow MBTE to be added to our gasoline, and thus were denied our share of the federal road tax revenue, only to be vindicated when it was acknowledged years later that MBTE had been leaking into ground water since it was first mandated.**
- (7) While this new electric vehicle proposal may be “politically correct,” it does not meet any common sense test, from preparedness to usefulness to just being smart about it. Please reject it.**

Sincerely,

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