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Gentlemen,

I am reaching out to you to oppose the proposed clean car program. The program you are considering makes no sense for common Mainers and most the State.

- We do not have the necessary capacity in the electrical grid to support a mass move to electric vehicles,
- We do not have the necessary charging infrastructure to support a large increase in electric cars,
- Most Mainers simply can not afford the expensive electric cars that this program would require people to buy,
- The limitations of present electric vehicles make them impractical for the current transportations needs of a majority of State residents and businesses.
- Finally, this program would have a significant and negative effect on businesses throughout the State.

Changes like you are proposing should not be made by unelected officials who are not accountable to the voters of this State. Remember, Maine is not California and what California thinks make sense for them does not necessarily make sense here. Instead of trying to sneak misguided bureaucratic rules on all the people of this State, let the Legislature, in the light of day, debate and decide on what is appropriate for this State.

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