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Good Morning. My name is Edward O'Neill, I am a resident of Beaver Cove Maine (in the Moosehead Lake Region) for those of you unfamiliar with the Town.

I am opposed to the proposed rule making for several reasons:

1. I do not believe that a petition put forth by a small group of people, or entities, whose income is derived from promoting their agenda(s) should be able to impact the economic and personal lives of the people of Maine without voter consent.
2. EV technology is in its early stages, it is NOT ready for prime time mass usage in every part of the country, particularly not here in Maine with our severe temperature fluctuations in the winter months. The battery capacities of electric vehicles is severely degraded in cold temperatures, which could cause, not only inconvenience, but potentially life threatening situations. In addition to the range limitations of these vehicles, there is a severe shortage of charging stations, inadequate generating capacity to support the proposed volumes of EVs and the needs of Maine households and businesses.
3. The batteries used in these vehicles pose a potential environmental disaster. The consequences of the amount of mining necessary to provide the required minerals to manufacture the batteries are too horrible to consider to be acceptable! Beyond the environmental damage caused by mining, the very expensive batteries, that have a finite life, cannot be recycled! What are you planning to do with that ticking environmental time bomb?

In closing there are many other reasons the proposed rule is bad for Maine, but until we have solid solutions to ALL the shortcomings of EVs you should not impose these rules on the people of Maine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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