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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to "Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program" and "Chapters 128: Advanced Clean Trucks Program".

The proposed regulations would require 43% of sales in Maine be zero-emissions vehicles for the 2028 model year, 68% of the 2030 model year, and 82% for the 2032 model year. Electric vehicles would make up almost HALF of the required sales in Maine in just 4 short years. It is asinine to think that we can overhaul the electric infrastructure in such a short period of time. This proposed shift is much too drastic for Maine and Maine people.

It took well over 100 years to get us to where we are with gas powered vehicles. We have the infrastructure, the research, the statistics, and the experience. We don't have that with the electric vehicles. The electric vehicles have not been used long enough to even fully understand their impact whether good or bad on the environment. So I would urge you not to mandate something so fresh out of the gate that we do not fully understand or have the ability to fully use. EV's are not well-rounded for everyone.

In closing, Maine is not California. Too often our rules/laws are mirroring that of California's, yet we do not share the same population, economy, culture, values or climate. What might be "good" over there might be harmful to us. Even areas like Portland are not the same as Northern Maine. Individuals, not the government, should be able to make these decisions for themselves depending on their own needs and lifestyles.

Thank you for your time. I hope that you will make your decision based on what is best for Maine and Maine people.

Sincerely,  
Emily Hines