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To whom it may concern:

I am not in favor of 06-096 127-A, Advanced Clean Cars II Program for several reasons:

- Upfront costs for a ZEV, and really unknown replacement costs and lifespan of batteries at this time
- Subsidized dollars to promote the ZEV initiative
- Maine's rural settings and access to charging stations
- Maine's weather extremes and grid stability as we migrate to more renewables
- Concerns of where raw materials will be supplied from including labor, especially when production is ramped up to meet all these mandates
- US auto makers scaling back and pushing out production with ZEV's, admitting they are making cars at a loss
- And most importantly, as much as some are trying we are not California and never will be. Let's focus on a plan that works for Mainers

As a born and raised Mainer, my family enjoys recreational activities that ZEV's could never support. Let the free market dictate what consumers are willing to pay for.

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