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I am reaching out to share my deep concerns with not just this potential ruling, but the underhanded and antidemocratic way in which it has been put forth.

As an owner of a hybrid/recharge I can personally attest to the inadequacy of electric vehicles in the state of Maine. They are simply not designed and engineered to provide for adequate travel capability and capacity for people living in a rural state like Maine. At most they serve the very limited purposes of local driving for those that live in large metro areas outside of Maine. To limit sales to electric vehicles will all but cripple Maine people and its economy. We simply cannot afford to put Maine people at risk of viable transportation whether it be to make doctors and critical healthcare appointments, or getting to and from work which is often at a distance on over to basic necessities.

To pass this ruling would be a dire mistake for the state and its people. Additionally, to imagine such an impactful and far reaching change of law be allowed to become law at the hands of such a small group of unelected officials is effectively shifting to communism - where government decides for its people because they believe their people are not capable of deciding for themselves.

I'd be happy to come before a committee to share my concerns.

Regards,

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