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Dear Members of the DEP,

I am a nurse who visits patients in their homes for nursing care. It is imperative that I have reliable transportation. I would **never** choose an electric vehicle. I could not afford to get stranded somewhere due to the low performance of battery or lack of station to recharge. Furthermore, I could not afford the time needed to sit at a charging station to recharge an EV when I need to be using that time to serve the needs of my patients.

As you know, we live in a cold climate state, and EV's are not efficient enough to meet our needs on the road in the winter. Additionally, we do not have the infrastructure to meet the demand if more users are forced to purchase EV's.

In closing, I believe that currently everyone who wants and can afford to buy an EV can do so already. However, passing laws that restrict our vehicle choice is un-American. Moving forward total EV usage is not practical and places an undue burden on the good citizens of the state of Maine.

It's our car, our choice. No unelected board should be taking that right away from us.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please do not move forward with this proposal.

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