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I am writing to let you know that I completely oppose these electric vehicle mandates that are being proposed. These would cause an extreme burden on Mainers both financially and practically. Maine is a rural state with long commute times and very cold winters. Also our electric grid could not handle the extra demand that electric vehicle charging would require. We lose power often due to weather and electric vehicle batteries are much less efficient in the cold. Vehicle ranges and charge times would be prohibitive here. Financially they are very expensive to purchase and to install charging capability at the owner's home. Often requiring an upgrade to the home's service capacity to two hundred amps or more. Very expensive. Replacing the vehicle's batteries is also prohibitively expensive, \$15,000 - \$20,000 or more. This is just not workable in this state.

If a person wants to buy an electric vehicle, that's fine, let them. It's their choice. But to force people to buy a product is NOT the role of the government and, in my opinion, may be unconstitutional.

Also, emergency vehicles like ambulances, police cruisers, fire trucks, etc. have an even higher electric load due to their radios, computers, medical equipment, etc. Currently they must leave their engines running when at a scene to keep the equipment available and working. Also to allow the personnel to get into the vehicle to warm up if outside for a long period, having a heated vehicle is a must. An electric vehicle would not be able to keep the equipment and heater running for the hours that are required at some scenes.

I urge you NOT to adopt these standards and let the people decide for themselves if they want to spend the kind of money needed for these types of vehicles.

Sincerely,

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