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Dear State of Maine Representatives:

One of the amazing realities of the United States of America is the diversity of people and geographies represented. Last year I had the privilege to be in Ohio for a conference, and had my first opportunity to utilize an Electric Vehicle. To state it clearly, the experience was more than exasperating. Even states and metropolitan areas that you would assume would be well equipped to handle the charging needs of EV's were whoafully lacking. In this personally brief experience, I visited 5 charging stations listed on the mapping program. And while I found the charging stations, they were either proprietary (only working with/for certain vehicle brands) or so slow at charging, I would have missed my return flight to Maine.

I respectfully ask you not to implement such a drastic rule of compliance for our state regarding the sales of EV's. We do not have the infrastructure, and electric charged batteries preform horribly in the cold winters. We are not a major metropolitan state and therefore our automobile pollution rate is significantly less than other states. We travel many miles in this state with limited access to gas stations....no less electric charging stations.

I am also concerned that mandating a certain percentage of sales of EV's may give an unfair advantage to EV manufactures, as other technologies are developing that are low to no carbon emissions. Yes let's invest in our future, but let the people decide on what works best for there personal situation.

Thank you,  
Lael Fenton