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I am **vehemently OPPOSED** to Chapter 27A – Electric Vehicle Mandate in the State of Maine. We live in a state and country where the voices of the people are supposed to be heard. **WHY DON'T YOU LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE?**

I personally believe that this proposal is most absurd! Our electric grid could never support this. Even the originally scheduled vote on this was postponed because of a power outage! How would you expect people to power their cars during outages? **Do you see the absurdity in all of this?**

The rural landscape of our state is not compatible with what you propose. This will create a mass exodus out of Maine (as has happened in CA) and isolate vulnerable populations. And what would happen to the tourism industry - on which the State and businesses heavily rely for revenue? Only those driving electric vehicles would be able to vacation here?

Further, it is becoming more obvious that there are issues with safety, reliability, utility, cost, that have not been remedied. And the "clean" electricity that you refer to is actually not clean, and not reliable and not green.

It is ludicrous that we are in this situation, where a rule proposed by just 150 people (***0.01% of the state's population***) can then be voted on by an unelected board and determine the ability of 100% of Mainers to purchase the vehicle of their choosing.

THIS SHOULD BE ON A BALLOT FOR MAINERS TO CHOOSE AND NEVER FOR A FEW UNELECTED INDIVIDUALS TO DECIDE.

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