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Dear Board of Environmental Protection and Maine Legislature,  
The proposed rules Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Chapter 128: Advanced Clean Trucks Program are absolutely absurd. I personally do not consider the State of California to be a shining star or role model to follow, in contrast, the State of California appears to require major overhaul if it is to ever recover and succeed. According to a Yahoo news article (<https://news.yahoo.com/many-people-moved-california-2023-191000217.html>) in 2023, approximately 75,000 Californians and 102,000 New Yorkers permanently left their respective states. Furthermore, according to the same article which is based on US Census data, between 2020 and 2023, 573,019 Californians and 631,104 New Yorkers permanently left their respective states, combined that is 1.2 million people. The State of Maine has approximately 1.4 million residents to put that in perspective... The people of Maine and our legislature should not be looking to California and New York as poster children to emulate, but rather take a course opposite as theirs.

We are a nation founded upon principals of individual and corporate freedoms and liberties, as the Declaration of Independence states, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*" Where is the liberty in demanding by law that producers and sellers (industry) bring a product to consumers and industry? By mandating quotas for zero emission vehicles to be sold and for zero emission vehicles to be utilized commercially, you would be stripping individual and corporate liberties. We need more liberty and less mandates.

Our Constitution was written for a moral people and because this nation has drifted so far from God, endless amounts of laws are being written to try to control us individually and corporately, as laws are required for the lawless. Those who have a moral compass, do not need law to govern them.

For thousands of years worldwide economies have been driven by supply and demand and as our nation and states laws have become more burdensome on businesses, many have failed or folded in the towel as the Eastern Fine Paper mill did where I worked in 2002.

How are we to pursue happiness if we are mandated to purchase what we cannot afford?

There are numerous other concerns with these ridiculous proposed rules as well, here's a quick preliminary list:

- infrastructure to support this proposed electrical demand,
- fire suppression technology development and training for fire departments,
- natural resource utilization, depletion, and the generation of pollution from mining and production of chemicals for the batteries,
- disposal of the batteries, and
- generation of power for the batteries.

These proposed rules are absolutely absurd. Please do not vote in favor of them and please steer our state in a course of success so that we can be a shining star and leader to country.

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Yours truly,

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