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Dear BEP,

My family is strongly against the adaptation of the "California Rule."

We need to apply some common sense here.

Maine is not California in terms of population, size, and standard of living. Just to name a few differences. I would note that with the recent storms that knocked out power for thousands, it does not make much sense to cram California's rules into ours.

We need to forge our own way that fits with who we are as citizens and what fits our entire state. Not just Northern Maine and Southern Maine.

Do we want a clean environment? Indeed we do.

While electric cars are a great idea in theory it's obvious to all that this mode of transportation outside the major metro areas is not feasible at this time. There will be more innovation and infrastructure that will be forthcoming to address these issues. Perhaps the costs will come down to where the average Mainer can afford them, Along with the ability to charge the vehicle at our own homes or wherever it is we roam in our state.

Count all three of us to vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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