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To whom it may concern,

This would be a huge mistake in so many ways. First of all, this proposed rule comes from the California Air Resources Board, a corrupt organization set up to generate new methods of extracting even more money from residents of that already heavily taxed state under the guise of “environmental protection”. Why are we even considering implementing rules drafted by a money-grab organization with no interest in the environment from the other side of the country? How is it that California knows what’s best for us when they are pushing for more EVs even though they are already far past the limits of their electricity supply? And why should our state pay thousands of dollars of taxpayer money to residents to throw away perfectly good combustion-powered cars that could have lasted decades in favor of an EV that will need new, non- recyclable lithium batteries at least every 10 years? Of course, there are also the facts that lithium mining is extremely dangerous to the environment, the lifespan and performance batteries, especially the lithium variety, is much compromised by normal winter temperatures in Maine, and that the risk of them spontaneously combusting, creating a fire that is almost impossible to extinguish, is high enough that few shops will work on EVs anymore. Those that do work in underground bunkers due to the danger. But everyone in Maine should be forced to drive one of these or walk? I don’t think so. We should continue to do our own thinking and reject this rule rather than follow the unwise path of other states.

Respectfully,

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