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To: Board of Environmental Protection

Lynne A. Cayting

My name is Sue-Ellen Baxter, and I strongly oppose the proposed rule that would mandate sales of electric vehicles in Maine.

I consider this heavy-handed government crackdown a threat to our safety, our economy, and to our working class's ability to survive in rural Maine. Just look at the recent storms when much of the state lost power. How many Mainers would have been in an even more dangerous position if this mandate had already been rammed through?

Mainers are able to buy electric cars right now if they want them. Some do, but many don't. Electric cars are expensive, so forcing Mainers to buy them will hit everyone right in the wallet.

Good ideas should not require force, and Mainers from all political stripes are opposing this mandate because they want to be able to choose for themselves what vehicles they drive.

I also can't believe that a board of unelected people feel that they have the power to even consider such a sweeping overhaul of the fabric of Maine life.

Please listen to the voice of us Mainers from Fort Kent to Kittery and PLEASE vote down this rule. We all should be able to make our own choice of what we want to drive.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sue-Ellen

PS; I just got my electric bill. for the first time since been living here for over 20+ yrs, it was well over \$175. I live in a 2 br trailer. No power at all in 2 rooms, the stove is shut down, i don't use it. i don't have a dish washer, i hardly use hot water. So that can't be blamed for the high bill. My bill use to be around \$50-\$60 just in the winter time and yes that includes the furnace running, which in that self is costly for the fuel.

so having a POS EV and trying to charge it will only send the bill even higher and who to say if this place can even handle charging an EV. On top of that if an EV catches on fire it can't be put out at all. Don't believe, well there is plenty of proof. Just alone the fire on one of these POS can cause major to the environment as well. also these POS EV sucks like hell in the winter and people are no finding that out.

On top of that people like myself on fixed income can't even afford a regular vehicle, let alone an EV and the battery for and EV cost way more than what the car is. So yeah, we should have choices of what we want to buy.