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Dear Ms. Burke,

I wish to thank you and the good people at the DEP for your hard work and dedication to preserving our environment.

I believe the electric car initiative, though well intended, is of concern. First and foremost, it is inappropriate for a government agency to inflict such laws without representation. This issue should be debated and decided through legislation, if needed.

To insist on one solution (electric vehicles) which is ineffective and inefficient in our cold climate causes one to pause because it raises concerns of corruption and inside profiting by those making such decisions.

The increase burden on the population who depend on vehicles to get to work, which is most of the Maine population. The expense, reliabilty, and range of an electric vehicle make it unreasonable for most of us who commute daily to work through wind, rain, snow, and sunshine.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards, Susan McLeod Sent from my iPhone