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Since the 1970's I have been aware of environmental degradation. No matter what one thinks the causes are, it has become clear that the time to change the direction we are heading in is now. This became especially apparent after the two recent big storms in January. I was alarmed to see the damage at Higgins Beach in Scarborough, where I do citizen science once a month. This damage was much the same along the entire Maine coast.

Transportation is a major contributor to green house gas emissions. We have a relatively easy way to cut down on these emissions by making more EVs (electric vehicles) available to car buyers. My concerns about owning an EV are disappearing as I learn that the price of them is becoming comparable to that of gas powered cars, that their running and maintenance saves the owner a lot of money, that the availability of charging stations is growing all the time, that there is an app that shows where they are located, and that the owner can charge their car right at home.

New EVs for sale are hard to find in Maine at this time. It is my wish that the DEP will pass the Advanced Clean Cars II program, so that manufacturers prioritize sending their EVs to Maine and thus residents can find the cars they desire to have. Please vote yes on the Advanced Clean Cars II standards.

Sincerely,
Barbara Klie