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Members of the board of Environmental Protection,

My name is Beth Widmayer and I live in Wells.

I noticed that the time for public comments has been extended to February 5th, so I wanted to write briefly to express my support for this citizen initiated proposal.

I, like many Mainers, am very concerned about addressing climate change. I am proud of the many steps our state has taken, but we are definitely lagging in electrifying our transportation. I believe this proposal would greatly increase our rate of adoption of electric vehicles.

I have worked hard as a volunteer on the Wells Energy Advisory Committee to promote reducing carbon emissions here in Wells. As a committee we have hosted annual electric vehicle shows in order to give our residents a chance to see firsthand how these vehicles work and how the owners of electric vehicles like driving them. Hosting this show is an example of our town doing its part. But to have any actual success, we rely heavily on help from Efficiency Maine and Federal incentives. We also rely on proposals such as this one at the state level to facilitate the adoption of EVs.

As you can tell from my comments, I strongly urge the adoption of this initiative. And I appreciate the opportunity to testify on its behalf.

Beth Widmayer