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I urge the DEP to adopt Clean Cars standards to provide people in Maine with improved access to more new models of zero-emission vehicles. Most of the carbon dumped into the atmosphere in Maine comes from fossil fuels that run vehicles. I want to be part of the solution to our contribution by having access to a full selection of zero-emission cars and trucks. I am planning to buy a EV in the next few years but the selection currently available is not sufficient. The standards need to phase in gradually and require automobile manufacturers to provide more options for Mainers. DEP is in a position to make that happen and I hope you will.

As a retired ecologist and environmental science educator, I do not have the luxury of believing that the threats from climate change are a hoax. I see the effects of sea level rise along the shoreline where I live in Saint George. The rate of shoreline erosion in just the past 25 years is shockingly evident. In the past 10 years I've watched the tides steadily expose and swallow all sorts of debris dumped near Watts Cove by prior generations who once lived in my house. What they piled on land that was once many feet from shore is now falling into the cove with each high tide.

For the sake of the shore, our air, our health and the next generation, please chose stronger clean car standards to give Mainers better choices for healing what ails us.

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