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Good afternoon,

I purchased a 2020 Chevy Bolt at the end of December. Although I've wanted an electric car for a few years now, between the tax incentives and a town rebate, 2023 was the year to make the purchase.

Although it is a transition from driving my ICE vehicles, I am very happy with the change. It became clear to me yesterday when I was shoveling my driveway from the snowstorm, that the daily impact of ICE vehicles is pretty clear. I could smell the exhaust of every car and truck that drove by. I live close to the road and there are mornings that I go outside and can smell the exhausts from all the cars commuting to work.

I know people who would like to switch to EV's but the cost is still restrictive for them. I understand that we as Mainers have a choice now to make a positive impact on our climate future. I would like to see stronger standards in place to allow people more choices and more savings if they want zero-emission vehicles

I would also like to see more charging stations set up to increase access to recharging our vehicles.

I support any move to a greener and more electrified economy and way of life in Maine. I want to see cleaner air for my son and his friends to breath and a reduction of the use of ICE's on our roadways.

Best,

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