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Subject: Comment on Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program (Reposting)

Dear Editor,

Maine is a national leader in climate action and is making great progress in decarbonizing our state's economy. Maine's climate plan promotes the adoption of efficient and convenient sources of heating, cooling, cooking, and lighting, while also spurring the generation of renewable energy. All of this creates jobs and opportunities for Mainers while saving us money.

The next opportunity to improve the lives of Mainers is through the adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars 2 standard. Adopting this standard is crucial for Maine to meet its climate goals and to prevent the damaging storms we've experienced lately.

Recently, I had to travel to Vermont to buy an electric car, because the vehicle that suited our needs couldn't be purchased in Maine at anywhere close to the price point we could find out of state. The Advanced Clean Cars 2 program will drive down prices by mandating that manufacturers send electric vehicles to Maine. Increasing sales competition at dealerships will reduce the cost of new electric vehicles, and as the rate of adoption of EVs increases the price of used EVs will inevitably fall as well.

If Maine does not adopt the Advanced Clean Cars 2 program, the clean, efficient, and nearly maintenance-free electric vehicles that could be sold in Maine will go to other states, and prices will remain high in Maine while availability remains low.

Sincerely,
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