

Townsend, Erle

From: Cayting, Lynne A
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Townsend, Erle
Subject: FW: Comment on Chapter 127-A
Attachments: Burke, Advanced Clean Cars Program.docx

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From: Michael Burke <mdburke@colby.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:07 PM
To: Cayting, Lynne A <Lynne.A.Cayting@maine.gov>
Subject: Re: Comment on Chapter 127-A

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Hi Lynne:

I've attached a brief comment, and pasted it below in case that's easier for you.

Thanks,
Michael

January 24, 2024

I am writing to support the “Advanced Clean Cars II Program” legislation. While the transition to electric vehicles will be difficult, it is also necessary. The necessity should be clear to everyone by now; climate change denial is no longer possible, except among those who willfully and knowingly lie to themselves and others. However, it is also true that the transition will be fraught and complex. As an owner of an EV since March of 2023 (Tesla Model 3), I am aware of the hurdles to be faced, primarily the lack of a supporting infrastructure, such as we now have with gas-powered vehicles and gas service stations. The second hurdle is the cost of EVs, even with incentives. Those are real dis-incentives, and should be addressed by the legislature, but should not be used to derail the goal of the legislation, to reduce Maine’s vehicular carbon footprint.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 9:44 AM Cayting, Lynne A <Lynne.A.Cayting@maine.gov> wrote:

Yes, and I will include your comment in the record.

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From: Michael Burke <mdburke@colby.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 7:10 PM
To: Cayting, Lynne A <Lynne.A.Cayting@maine.gov>
Subject: Comment on Chapter 127-A

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Dear Lynne:

I tried to comment on this EV issue using the online forum, but it led me on an endless loop of logins to emails. Can I comment by sending a brief file to you?

Thanks,

Michael

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