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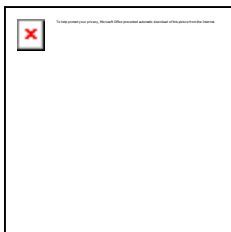
Dear DEP,

We got our first electric vehicle in 2009, which was a Nissan Leaf with maximum 85 miles of range. Back then, the EV technology was not practical for Maine's winter temperatures and long distances between communities.

Today we have a Ford F-150 Lightning that travels 330 miles on one charge, is great in the snow and also provides whole-house electricity backup during utility outages. This electric vehicle is far better than the internal combustion engine F-150 in terms of performance, pollution and overall cost of ownership. With today's electricity rates in Maine, we are paying the equivalent of \$1.81/gal. of gasoline except we are using electricity. When we charge the battery with our solar array, the cost per gallon equivalent drops below 50 cents/gal.

I am strongly urging you to pass the Clean Cars II Rule to help Maine reduce its energy costs and pollution. Today Maine has the highest per capita carbon emissions in New England and more than 50% of that pollution comes from tailpipe exhaust. These rules will bring more EV options to Mainers without forcing anyone to not buy an internal combustion engine vehicle if they choose.

Thank you,
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