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As an EV driver for nearly 5 years I highly support making access to EV's more accessible to Maine people!

Stronger standards mean more choices and more savings for Maine drivers who want zero-emission vehicles.

- Expands consumer choice by giving Mainers access to more models of zero-emission cars and trucks each year, and doesn't limit their access to gas vehicles.
- EVs save drivers money: [Maine EV drivers](#) can save between \$19-\$30 every time they refuel their EV compared to an equivalent gas vehicle.

We must tackle pollution from cars and trucks to address climate change.

- Transportation is Maine's largest source of climate pollution. These standards would cut pollution from cars and trucks by three-quarters.
- The program is flexible to ensure we meet the state's climate goals – manufacturers have been clear that they will be able to meet the targets included in the program.

Mainers want more clean cars.

- Demand is strong: EVs on the road have tripled since 2020.
- The standards phase in gradually, holding automakers accountable for providing more zero-emission vehicles in Maine over time as more models become available.

Opponents of clean cars want to limit our choices and are purposefully misleading Mainers about what this program would do. If we don't adopt these standards, Mainers will be left behind in the clean energy transition, and the benefits will flow to other states. Please pass this initiative for the sake of keeping our beautiful state of Maine as pristine as humanly possible!!

Thank You,

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