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Subject: Written testimony regarding the public hearing in Augusta Aug 17, electric vehicle transition

Good morning Lynn,

I understand you are the point of contact for our written testimony regarding the public hearing in Augusta Aug 17, electric vehicle transition. If I'm mistaken, please let me know. Also, please verify receipt of this message. Thank you!!

Testimony regarding the public hearing in Augusta on August 17th to consider a law that will effectively ban the sale of vehicles with gas-powered internal combustion engines in the state.

I do not support this radical government overreach to transition to nearly all Electric Vehicles (EVs) by 2032, and it ought not to pass.

Once again, we have California style extremists here in Maine trying to overthrow Mainer's way of life, with their typical, failed, radical policies. No different than Seafood Watch (Monterey Bay Aquarium) trying to shut down Maine's lobster fishing industry by red listing Maine lobster and accusing our industry as "non-sustainable" and endangering right whales. Nonsense! When can we get out from under all this out of state influence?

There is absolutely NOTHING about an EV that appeals to me. NOTHING!

Maine's population is old and poor. We have the oldest or second to oldest median age throughout the fifty states. Maine also has the third highest tax burden of the fifty states. THIRD! It is VERY expensive to live here! WHY would you want to make it worse?

I just read an article on Fox News regarding a man from Winnipeg and his "adventure" with a Ford Lightning pickup truck. "A Canadian man is calling electric vehicles the "biggest scam of modern times" after his frustrating experience with an electric truck. Dalbir Bala, who lives in the Winnipeg area,

bought a Ford F-150 Lightning EV in January for \$115,000 Canadian dollars (around \$85,000 U.S. dollars), plus tax. Ford said the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) on the vehicle is \$77,495 U.S. dollars.

“He told FOX Business he needed the vehicle for his work, but also wanted something suitable for recreational activities such as driving to his cabin or going fishing. He also wanted an environmentally friendly vehicle as owning one is "responsible citizenship these days." But Bala was quickly hit with the reality of owning and operating an EV soon after the purchase. The vehicle compelled him to install two chargers – one at work and one at home – for \$10,000. To accommodate the charger, he had to upgrade his home’s electric panel for \$6,000. “

“In all, Bala spent more than \$130,000 – plus tax.”

The adventure continues, and everyone trying to ram EVs down our throat should read this article: <https://www.foxbusiness.com/technology/man-forced-ditch-115k-ford-ev-truck-family-road-trip-chicago-biggest-scam-modern-times#>

How will we afford this? Along with being old and poor and already taxed to death, Maine has some of the highest electric rates in the country! Sixty-two thousand Central Maine Power Company disconnect notices in May 2023, because people couldn’t pay their electric bill! WHY?

And this article is just one example of this ridicules, jump the gun, not properly or thoroughly thought-out boondoggle to steal our money and put it in invested politicians’ pockets.

Another article from Fox News revealing the dangers of these death-traps.

The Wareham Fire Department (Massachusetts) recently reported its crews had to use more than 11,000 gallons of water to put out an electric vehicle fire that started when the car "spontaneously" burst into flames. "If this vehicle had been parked in a garage the results could have been disastrous," Fire Chief John Kelley said in a statement. "Additionally, electric vehicle fires are difficult to fight and present unique challenges."

I urge you to reject this radical government overreach and continue to allow us Mainers freedom of choice. This is the United States of America, the greatest country in the world, not a Communist/Socialist dictatorship.

Thank you,

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