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Hello,

The realities are that Maine families cannot afford electric vehicles and the available technology for electric vehicles does not accommodate the needs of Maine people, businesses and the supply chain. Further, our electric grid cannot handle such a rapid transition to electric vehicles at all levels of personal and economic use, and the infrastructure does not exist to ensure all Mainers can safely and conveniently travel using electric vehicles.

The implementation of either of these programs would have catastrophic results for Maine people and businesses. I condemn these attempts to disrupt free markets and encourage the Maine DEP to send these nonsensical rules to where they belong – the dustbin of history.

I have worked 46 years in; auto repair. power plants, maintenance and electrical. The existing technology and infrastructure is inadequate to support EV's on the scale that would be necessary and many applications could not be supported. Maine does not need this type of help. Please do not bring these proposals any further.

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