

Rule chapter 127- A California Advance Clean Cars II regulations

My name is Joseph Underwood and I proudly serve the city of Presque Isle which is District 5. I am here to express my strong opposition to the rule changes to increase car sales.

It is my belief that Mainer's get to choose their own path. These rule changes goes against this belief. Car dealerships deserve to choose what they wish to sell and not have government-imposed regulations and rules on them. This is picking winners and losers..... Currently dealers are only allowed new hybrid models on their lots.

I am not against electric vehicles in general, but I am against pushing citizens of our state into a corner to fit a narrative set by a small percentage of people. Governor Mills' "Clean Transportation Roadmap" makes it abundantly clear that Mainer's simply cannot afford the price tag and gas hikes that will come along with this proposal.

The bottom line is that Mainers should not suffer at the hands of those who think increasing the number of electric vehicles in our state by 4000% solves all its problems. As someone who proudly serves one of the most rural corners of our state, this proposal will not help any rural Mainer, who can get by as it is. Cold weather and zero emissions vehicles do not mix.

I urge each of you to think of the consequences this rule change will bring for rural Maine and beyond.