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I strongly oppose the proposed rule changes incorporating the California Advanced Clean Car II regulations and California Advanced Clean Trucks regulation proposed in Chapter 127-A and Chapter 128, respectively. Both proposals are extremely inflationary and would clearly hurt those least able to afford increases in household expenses. The charging network supported by fast charging stations are nowhere near complete enough to push such a proposal. Such proposed rules and regulation eliminates free market choices and supports wasteful governmental spending.

Such proposals would also increase travel times. When one reviews unbiased data, charging EV's at a fast charging station, if available, would increase travel time by 1 hour if travelling from Aroostook County to Bangor and return. The network and technology has not advanced enough to push these burdens on the citizens of Maine.

EV availability is extremely limited and seems likely to remain limited for the foreseeable future due to supply chain and work force issues. This board should consider the real economic pressure such a ruling will have on the Citizens of Maine, especially in such an inflationary time that currently exists. For these reasons and others, the Maine DEP should not implement these proposed rule changes.

Sincerely,

Tim Charette