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To Lyn Cayting

As a resident of Holden Maine I am commenting in favor of this rule, which will be key to meeting Maine's climate goals in a way that makes sense for Maine drivers, business owners, and communities. Transportation is a major source of carbon emissions here in our rural state where public transportation is often not feasible and people often need to drive long commutes. Maine people recognize the vital need to cut pollution from our gas-fueled vehicles. Here in Holden the impact of climate change on our beautiful natural environment and wildlife is all too clear, and I'm sure Mainers statewide are seeing disturbing impacts in their own communities.

This common-sense transportation policy will maximize choices for consumers by ensuring manufacturers will make their light-duty EV models available in Maine, building on the existing sales standard already under effect in Maine while avoiding adopting a ban on internal combustion engine vehicles. I believe this rule will continue Maine's leadership in transportation electrification by making more electric vehicles available to all Maine people, at even more affordable prices over the coming years. This policy is in line with what many manufacturers, including Ford and GM, have committed to, as well as with Maine's 220,000 EVs by 2030 goal. Maine's robust growth in EV market share and complementary programs and policies makes it possible to consider this approach and continue progress from the existing clean cars sales policy.

Overall, I support this rule because it will save drivers money and create new jobs, while decreasing harmful transportation emissions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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