



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002
(207) 287-1440
TTY: (207) 287-4469

Joshua Morris

P.O. Box 246
North Turner, ME 04266
Phone: (207) 754-7829
Joshua.Morris@legislature.maine.gov

August 17, 2023

Commissioner Loyzim,

As the State Representative for the communities of Leeds, Turner, and Wayne, I am here today to voice my opposition to the proposed draft rules chapters 127 and 128. These rules may be classified as “routine technical” but for my constituents and people all over Maine they will have a devastating effect on their daily lives.

At a time when we are experiencing record inflation, soaring energy prices, and rising grocery costs, this is another tone-deaf attempt to make people’s lives even more expensive and more difficult. This will have the impact of a regressive tax with those least able to afford its effects paying the highest burden for this policy.

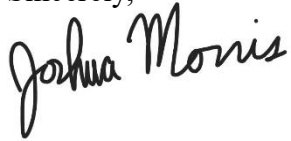
Electric vehicles are more expensive to buy and more expensive to run. They weigh more than internal combustion vehicles. With the weight limits on Maine’s roads, the impacts of these rules on Maine’s trucking industry will mean they will have to haul less freight. This will result in even higher costs for daily essentials for Maine residents.

Maine’s state motto is Dirigo, which translates to “I lead.” Yet apparently, for the out of touch Natural Resources Council of Maine, they would rather we follow a policy that is failing California. Let’s be clear, people are fleeing California because of ridiculous ideas like this. In case people need reminding, Maine’s climate is very different from California. I would ask the elitist special interest groups pushing this policy, how will these electric vehicles run in the -30-degree temperatures with the wind chill that Maine’s winters are famous for?

District 91 Leeds, Turner & Wayne

There are not enough adjectives to describe how bad this policy is for Maine's people, it's callous, aloof, unthinking, unfeeling, unworkable, and simply cruel. Hardworking Mainers deserve better from their government than this policy pushed by a far-left environmental extremist group. I would urge you to reject this rule and consider the interests of Maine people first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Representative Joshua Morris