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Dear fellow Mainers,

My name is William Harrison, a resident of South Bristol and a merchant Mariner on a car carrier.

Why are you seeking to replace the Internal Combustion Engine driven vehicles with all electric EV vehicles?

The EV vehicles are an extremely dangerous fire hazard both on the road and while recharging for use. Many fires have occurred totally destroying the vehicle and buildings while charging. In my profession we have lost 4 ships in the past year to runaway thermal fire from the car batteries causing the complete loss of those ships, killing several sailors and thousands of vehicles being lost.

I also am concerned about the environmental destruction that goes on to make these batteries and the horrendous conditions that the labor work under so that you can drive a car they will never have the chance to drive.

Just because the environmental degradation isn't happening in our backyard doesn't mean that it's ok to do to another persons home.

Since more than 90% of the world's lithium is processed in China, why do we want to encourage more dependence on China instead of producing our own batteries here locally under strict environmental and labor safety guidelines.

My last point is this, electric battery range decreases rapidly with cold temperatures and Maines climate is not going to be friendly to an EV vehicle 6 months or more out of the year.

I hope you chose wisely in rethinking this proposed regulation.

Thank you.

Captain William Harrison
South Bristol, Maine