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Dear Members of the Board of Environmental Protection,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed *Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program*.

I could argue about the senselessness of requiring EV's in a state where freezing Winter temperatures are the norm. I could talk about the fate of electric vehicles in such climates. And I could detail the financial burden this proposal would lay on Mainers already struggling to keep up with rising costs.

But knowing others have already abundantly elaborated on these aspects, I want to get to the heart of this issue.

It is not the job of government to interfere in the free market, manipulating and dictating what kinds of vehicles are made available.

It is not the job of government to decide what will be considered "clean" today and "dirty" tomorrow, what is environmentally "safe" today and environmentally "detrimental" tomorrow.

It is not the job of government to tell we the people what types of vehicles we are allowed to purchase.

And it is not the job of government to tell free citizens what actions they will or will not take in order to allegedly save the planet.

This is an egregious, unreasonable, and outlandish proposal that clearly is not in the best interests of the people. We are not California, and the majority of us don't want to be.

Please oppose this proposal. Thank you.

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