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I am voicing my opposition to this proposed rule change. It is not currently feasible to require the use of electric vehicles. The purchase cost of EVs is significantly higher than ICEs. There is a definite lack of publicly accessible charging stations in Maine, especially in rural areas. It would be a challenge for renters to get EV chargers installed. The recent protected power loss over the holiday season demonstrated the issues with charging EVs in similar situations. EVs require dealerships to invest in new technology at a great expense. EVs currently pose an increased fire risk for first responders and the general public. The current state of EVs require a much greater time period to charge than what it takes to fuel an ICE vehicle. The driving range of EVs is currently hampered by our long and cold winters. Maine is simply not in a place to significantly and quickly mandate the use of EVs. Thank you for your consideration on this important topic. Alan Carter New Gloucester, ME

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