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Greetings,

My name is Bailey Bowden and I am a resident of the Town of Penobscot Maine. I am the Chair of the town's Climate Resilience Committee and Shellfish Conservation Committee as well as a founding member of the Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow (BHPT) group which is composed of community leaders from all nine towns on the Blue Hill Peninsula. The BHPT group is dedicated to addressing community issues focusing on climate related issues.

My fifty plus years of observations around the Bagaduce River has convinced me that climate change is real.

Action needs to be taken immediately to mitigate the effects of climate change and I fully support any practical solution to green house gas emissions.

Unfortunately, this rule change is not practical.

The recent storm that knocked out power to half of Maine's residents for days proved that Maine does not currently have the infrastructure in place to support this well intentioned idea. I do not believe that it is realistic to expect that Maine's electricity providers will be able to guarantee the reliable delivery of electricity within the timeframe of this proposal.

In my humble opinion, a more practical strategy would be to emphasize the sale of hybrid vehicles until technology and the electrical grid infrastructure is in place to transition to zero emission policies.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bailey Bowden  
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