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I oppose the proposal to follow California in implementing the Advanced Clean Cars II Program. Maine people cannot afford the vehicles that will be mandated by this program. Maine people cannot generally afford the electrical changes to their homes to support home charging. Electric charging is not and will not be readily available outside of the home and is more expensive generally than gasoline for equivalent mileage. Hydrogen powered vehicles will not be ready as alternatives to meet the emissions requirements. The net result is that Mainers will keep their existing cars for many more years or purchase new vehicles outside the state.

For these and many other reasons, please stop this mandate.

Regards,

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