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I must respectfully request the Agency not to pass this proposed rule. There are numerous problems with electric vehicles:

1. There are insufficient charging stations (that actually work) around the State;
2. Electric vehicles rely on China for raw battery materials; ironically your agency is precluding a lithium mine in Maine which would produce some of the necessary materials..
3. These electric batteries can catch fire which are hard to extinguish.
4. Electric vehicles are extremely heavy and will damage roads and infrastructure.
5. Electric batteries, like these, cannot be recharged efficiently in cold Maine temperatures.
6. The cost of electric vehicles is well above the means of many Maine residents.
7. Electric vehicles will strain the electric grid.
8. Electric vehicles rely on electricity which is primarily produced from burning fossil fuels.

Overall, the technology is not yet ready, especially for Maine. Please do not restrict our freedom of choice what type of vehicle to purchase until the technology is far more reliable and cost-effective.

Sincerely,

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