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I am opposed to the adoption of the above referenced rule for several reasons.

First, Maine is not California. California is a financial disaster because of their excess regulations, high taxes, and attacks on personal freedoms. The independent-minded people of Maine neither need nor want such heavy-handed micromanagement of their lives.

Second, Maine does not have the infrastructure to support the goals of this rule. Being a very rural state, the options for public charging are extremely limited. I know, because I own a BEV in Washington County.

Third, because Maine's population is much smaller than many of the other 49 states it registers a significantly smaller number of vehicles than the others. Thus, Maine doesn't have the air quality issues that states like California face.

Fourth, this rule severely infringes on the rights of Maine citizens to choose what type of vehicle they want to drive and will meet their needs. Imposing a "one size fits all" mandate is a recipe for disaster.

Even though I own a 2023 Chevrolet Bolt EUV, which I love, I do not believe adoption of this rule would be in the best interest of the people of Maine. I didn't buy my EV to "save the planet" or any other environmental reason. I bought it because 1) it would satisfy 90% of my annual driving needs; 2) it would (hopefully) generate cost savings through lower operation and maintenance costs; 3) I can charge it at home for a lower rate than using public charging; and 4) there was both a federal tax credit and an Efficiency Maine rebate that brought the price of the vehicle down to an affordable level. For long distance trips I have an ICE vehicle that I use for the other 10% of my annual traveling.

I strongly encourage the committee considering this rule to vote against this unnecessary imposition of California-style, heavy-handed mandates that have proven many times to be ineffective in their outcomes and an unbearable financial burden on both the state and its citizens.

Thank you!

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