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Good Day,

As an electric car driver and supporter, I strongly OPPOSE the legislative proposal pushing for increased electric car sales.

I love driving my Tesla and even with all of the infrastructure supporting on the road charging, range anxiety is a real issue and there's no way that by 2032 on the road charging will be able to support the kind of increase in demand we'll need. While I agree it is much better than just a few years ago, there are times when chargers are out of service and non Tesla charging does not yet have widespread availability. Making a wrong turn in some of Maine's rural roads can easily lead to unexpected trouble. Let this be a market decision and help influence purchase decisions by registration or excise tax advantages. Don't force a percentage of sales directive on dealers that will only result in out of state dealers winning and hurt the people of Maine. We are fully capable of making informed decisions when the market, infrastructure and grid is capable of support.

Best,
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