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I oppose Chapter 127-A, regarding any mandatory switch to Electric vehicles (EVs). Maine and much of New England isn't fully equipped nor ready to do this, with a switch over to Electric Vehicles (EV's). It is not a sensible thing to be doing for the present time.

Firstly, we need much more infrastructure to support such efforts and endeavors, including charging stations. Secondly, we need much more power generation. Solar and wind aren't able to support that, let alone electric power needs for homes, businesses, and remaining industry here in Maine.

We are not equipped or ready to move forward to mandate this. Additionally, rural Maine, including western Maine and beyond, lacks sufficient charge stations. In addition, cold Maine winters will likely drain battery power at a faster rate and require longer charges.

Therefore, this isn't practical at all or sensible to do, with switching to EVs Let's not mandate EVs. Let the free market take precedence. Thank you for your attention and consideration.