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Honorable Lynne Cayting, Chief Mobile Sources Section, Bureau of Air Quality, Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection. My name is David Reed and I live in Rockport, Maine. I strongly oppose adopting the California Advanced Clean Cars II and California's Advanced Clean Trucks Regulations into Maine's existing regulatory code as proposed by the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

The proposed standards are totally anti-free market and defy rational judgement. Hertz Rental Company operates in the real world, and they are trying to dump 40,000 EVs. EVs are piling up in dealers' lots because people won't buy them. Automakers can't produce them at a price competitive with gasoline driven cars and trucks. Most of the people with EVs have a backup gasoline driven car for distance driving because EVs are so unreliable. With the recent cold snap, EVs didn't perform in Chicago leaving hundreds of irate drivers stranded. EV prices are prohibitive for most Maine buyers despite government tax incentives, rebates, and discounts to buyers, manufacturers and auto dealers. Only a clueless, out of touch elitist isolated from market reality could endorse such ill-advised policies. We lack an electric grid and infrastructure capable of supporting an EV fleet or the electric generating capability necessary to feed it. Construction of wind mills, solar panel farms and alternative energy sources will be severely damaging to the environment and Maine's fishing and forest product economy...far too little return for the massive capital outlay and resulting severe disruption of our economy, ecology, and society...a severe misapplication of resources for far too little benefit.

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