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I am writing to express my opposition to all mandates regarding electric vehicle new car sales. Keep the new car sales market open to all types of powered vehicles, gas, electric, hybrid, new technology. Allow the free market to determine which types of vehicles will be adopted by Maine consumers, now and in the future. Allow manufacturers to invest in new technologies and innovation. By doing so, today's battery powered automobiles may become obsolete by 2032 as manufacturers develop better and cleaner power systems.

Battery powered cars still rely on the same fuel sources to re-charge: coal and gas fired power-plants. This proposed mandate does nothing to "clean the environment". Instead it will stifle innovation that can lead to better and cleaner, and hopefully cheaper, forms of powered vehicles.

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