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Please note the following regarding Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program;

I am opposed to the electric car mandate as it is not practical and does not consider all environmental effects.

- 1) Electric car infrastructure (charging station density) is not cost effective in a rural state like Maine.
- 2) Electric car battery performance is not practical in cold climates.
- 3) Environmental benefits claimed for electric cars do NOT consider the cradle to grave effects of the technology which includes mining tons of toxic ore on the front end and being left with tons of toxic batteries on the back end.
- 4) Electric cars are dependent on fossil fuels as are all electric systems including our grid.
- 5) Forcing technology open consumers distorts markets.
- 6) Hybrids are far superior to electric cars by greatly reducing the battery requirement, eliminating the need for a super expensive charging systems network, are more cost effective for consumers, eliminate the risk of being stranded by dead batteries, and are compatible with cold climates.

Sincerely, Dennis Caron, 28 Rangers Way, Cumberland ME