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I am writing to express my opposition to Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program. To be forced to buy electric cars is something that our state cannot afford. These vehicles don't make sense in Maine, particularly in winter. The thought of being stranded in an electric car that has died due to cold or has just run out of battery, while waiting for AAA to come boost me with a gas generator is laughable but scary at the same time. My understanding is that this is based on the CA model. My son-in-law is from CA. He states that electric cars are banned from charging on days that the grid is maxed. He says that happens often. China has "graveyards" of electric cars just sitting because they either don't work right or the battery is dead and they can't afford to replace it. I don't want to see our great State littered with dead electric cars. What do we do with them? It becomes impractical long-term. This whole thing makes no sense. If someone wants an electric vehicle, fine by me. But our State government has no business telling us that we have to buy a car that we can't afford, isn't practical and in reality isn't "green." I ask that this board give this mandate a no vote. It's the only practical and right thing to do.

Respectfully,
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Registered voter who votes