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Dear BEP board members,

Thank you for your time and consideration of this and all matters before the board.

As you are aware, over 80% of testimony received by the board was in opposition to this rule change. Since that time, electric vehicle makers have chosen to drastically cut manufacturing of electric vehicles due to lack of demand and insufficient availability of resources and components. In addition, Tesla recently announced a recall of 2 million electric vehicles. Even if there were no other considerations, the lack of reliable, consistent, and high quality supply, in and of itself, is reason that this rule change is infeasible and irrational.

But there are other grave considerations that make this rule unacceptable for Mainers. It's hard to know where to start. To begin with, the electric grid is incapable of providing the demand needed.

Additionally, as you know and have been informed, electric vehicles are not made for the cold Maine climate nor the far journeys that rural Mainers have to travel to get just about anywhere. From my remote town, it's over 44 miles just to get to a Walmart, an auto repair shop, supermarket, and most necessary services.

Similarly, it is gross overreach for a U.S. government agency to predetermine the market, the products being manufactured, the products being sold, and what consumers are allowed to purchase with their own funds. This is the practice of socialist and communist government-determined markets. In a free market economy, consumer demands determine what and how much of a product that a manufacturer supplies. In this way, the competitive market produces a far better and higher quality product to meet consumer needs.

Furthermore, Mainers don't want to, can't afford to, and are physically unable to get there from here in an electric vehicle. Respectfully, this drastic change to the Maine way of life is not in the jurisdiction of your board. Thank you for voting for Mainers and against this rule.

Kind regards,

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