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From: Hinkel, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2023 9:01 AM
To: DEP Rule Comments; Cayting, Lynne A
Subject: FW: Automatic reply: BEV Meeting

See below comment on 127-A.

Thanks,
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From: Eric Lopez <elopez@homeautogroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 9:53 AM
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Subject: Re: Automatic reply: BEV Meeting

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Would you go to the grocery store and only be able to select one type of cereal, or one type of milk or one type of vegetable? That is what you are proposing.. You are proposing that mainers essentially are only allowed to buy skates for shoes. California is dependent of gas for 47 percent of their energy .. also , the charging stations and mining for resources also take electricity and diesel fuels... If you could make a way to not make any sense in a way to force people into zero transportation , this would be the way to do it.. Also , if Every Citizen in the U. S Drove an EV.. The Emissions in the world would go down .003 percent... the push for EV's Is the New Scam.

On Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 4:04 PM Eric Lopez <elopez@homeautogroup.com> wrote:

Rank	State	Population Ages 65+ (percent of state population)
1	Maine	21.8
2	Florida	21.3
3	West Virginia	20.9
4	Vermont	20.6

and then another 7 percent of mainers are 18 or younger... essentially 28 percent of mainers are already disqualified from buying an EV because they cant afford it... that leaves close to 70 percent of the population left ... A high percentage of that population left has student loans, high rent, and high daycare costs... lets even say 50 percent of those people could afford an EV which isnt realistic whatsoever... now you are putting your 43% of mainers who buy have to buy EV... Now You are essentially saying 43 percent of the 50 percent of citizens in this state must buy an EV ... This Is so outlandish and so negligent of the needs of the Maine people that it almost seems like it is coming from an entity outside of maine.. because no true mainer would break down these numbers, and can say with confidence that this is the best option for people in a state of emergency at this time... This Is the biggest issue facing maine in 20 years.. There is no way the numbers have been broken down in a way that makes sense for anyone but they people making money off of subsidies paid by the very citizens they look for mine like a resource... Pun Intended .

This is The Percentage of citizens in maine over 65... 1/4 of the population of maine... they are not able to afford EV's

On Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 1:34 PM Hinkel, Bill <Bill.Hinkel@maine.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your email. I will respond to emails as soon as possible given the extensive power outages in Maine.