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Thanks,  
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"The rules will bring billions of dollars in benefits to the state, in terms of air quality benefits, health benefits, consumer benefits," Senior Attorney Emily Green with the [Conservation Law Foundation](#) said in support.

"The board identified a number of issues mostly regarding uncertainty with this program and Maine's ability to handle the infrastructure needs that would come with the adoption of the rules," Board Executive Analyst William Hinkle said.

Another big concern is a lack of incentives, both for manufacturers to increase the number of EVs they send to dealerships and for the average Mainers who may not be able to afford a new EV.

Those in opposition say points like range anxiety and a lack of options may affect Mainers as well.

"I really don't think this deliberative body is the right one to make this level of a policy decision," board member Robert Marvinney said.

Other state representatives like Rep. Austin Theriault have expressed disapproval of the proposal, stating that the legislature should be making the decision.

"I know there's some nuance in the language at the end of the day it limits the sale of certain types of vehicles ... and in rural Maine, this is going to be extremely destructive," Rep. Theriault said.

This is not a Decision being made For Mainers, it is a Decision Being Made to Work Against Mainers.. Maine is The way it is for a reason ,outside entities should not dictate the life of everyday people in maine.

On Thu, Dec 21, 2023 at 9:53 AM Hinkel, Bill <[Bill.Hinkel@maine.gov](mailto:Bill.Hinkel@maine.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for your email. I am home with a cold today and do not have reliable access to email or cellular service. I will respond to your email as promptly as possible. Thank you for your patience.