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- I am opposed to this legislation for Maine and other jurisdictions in the US. I am a member of the Maines National Resource Council but also disagree with them on a number of issues and hypocrisy such as nuclear power, EV vehicles, environmentally safe mining of lithium deposits in Maine, and opposition to the Canadian hydroelectric power grid.
- EV vehicles are not ready for rural environments such as Maine and a large majority of the non-urban, northern and western USA. Writing legislation to provide exceptions to rules would further complicate EV rules in addition to removing vehicle choice to meet consumer needs to work, commute and affordability.
- I have always been offended by the financial subsidies given the the EV technology (not battery technology for other uses) opposite those imposed on carbon and fossil fuels. Our residence is total electric (heat pump technology) by choice with propane generator back up.
- Please let technology solve this zero emissions issues. Table this legislation until better technology becomes available on this matter especially in Maine.
- On a personal basis my family owns 3 gasoline vehicles for our transportation needs in terms of reliability, heavy hauling, commuting, distances traveled, and affordability. I maintain my vehicles meticulously and again oppose this legislation. Please table this legislation until US Innovation can mitigate the zero (carbon) emission issues of concern and avoid making this a “political” divisive issue, but rather a prudent choice at technology and innovation continues.
- Respectfully, kindly table this legislation, Maine, technology, innovation and the US is not ready.
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