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My name is Greg Cushman from Raymond.  
I am **opposed** to Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program.

Others have already stated that: the Maine climate is not conducive to electric vehicles with severely reduced ranges in cold weather, the cost of electricity in Maine is one of the highest in the country, and the electrical grid can not support charging EV's in mass quantities. Last week's storm that knocked out electricity to thousands of Mainers is a common occurrence in which no one could charge an electric vehicle, and ironically, delayed the vote on this rule.

The reason I am against this rule is simply it is NOT the legislature's responsibility nor right to mandate what type of vehicle I drive. If EV's are well-equipped to provide economical and feasible transportation, then the free market will make it happen. Please do not mandate what percentage of which type of vehicle can sold in Maine. Last time I checked I still lived in America, "Land of the free and the home of the brave". Let Mainers decide.

Thank you,  
Greg Cushman