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Please reject this proposed rule change. Maine is a very rural state, with a cold climate which can be very unforgiving for battery powered vehicles. I live an hour from my doctor and specialty care in Bangor Maine. My children and grandchildren live over 250 miles away roundtrip. Having to make any unplanned visits due to emergencies like the recent flooding event in December will put me at risk for lack of adequate charging facilities. Living in Northern Maine, we routinely travel long distances to attend our children's sports events in the County and southern Maine. We are not ready for Electric vehicles.

This rule ignores common sense problems that can be better served by alternative means. Hybrid vehicles make much more sense on all levels here in Maine than ZEVs. Maine's contribution to the carbon footprint is miniscule compared to others and even full scale implementation of this mandate will have a miniscule impact on the planet. All of this effort may be noble but is misguided. It would make more sense to require every auto in New York City to be a ZEV.

We are not California. We are not New York. This is just a bad idea for us. Please put the religion aside for a moment and think about the people this rule will affect. Please say no.