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Hello,

I am writing to express opposition to the proposed changes to require more electric vehicles in Maine.

Electric vehicles are a fine fit for some, but are not right for many others.

The main reason for my opposition is that electric vehicles have a cost problem. With cars already astronomically expensive, it would be foolish, in a state as economically depressed as ours, to raise the bar even further to purchasing a car.

Aside from everything else, the idea of making this change in 4 years is ridiculous. The infrastructure is just not there throughout the state. Where are enough knowledgeable mechanics going to come from (we already have plenty of skilled labor shortages in this field)? How are the smaller gas stations going to be able to come up to date in that short of a time?

It also seems foolish to base our vehicle policy on a state whose economy and climate is so different than Maine. An electric vehicle there is *not* the same thing as one here.

Electric vehicles are great for cities, not as much for long stretches of rural backwoods. I would never want to take an electric up to Aroostook, having no confidence I'd find charging stations in any kind of suitable proximity to one another.

Please do *not* implement this stricter California standards. They are not right for Maine.

Thank you,

-- Jake Paris
Lewiston, Maine