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Maine BEP
regarding Proposal on Chapter 127-A

This proposal to mandate increasing electric vehicles up to 82% of new car sales is not in the best interest of Maine people for many reasons.

As a practicing Maine Professional Engineer with over 40 years experience, this approach seems short-sided and somewhat self-serving for the few people involved in pushing this forward.

Briefly it is:

1. contrary to capitalistic principles upon which our nation is based, by specifically forcing people in a direction that may not be supported by quality and value of EV's, but making Maine consumers forced to buy these products
2. adds greater cost to vehicle ownership with charging station needs
3. does not address any guarantee that future electric rates are remaining competitive
4. does not address any guarantee that future electric generation and distribution will remain stable and available
5. Piggybacks off California's initiatives leaving Maine people uninvolved in developing our own strategy, the presumption would be that if it is good enough for California, then Maine people should simply accept it. Let's be smarter than that.
6. Rural aspects of this state make electric vehicles impractical for long distance travel
7. Do we really want to talk about power interruptions and storms, which typically are times when people most desperately need the utilities that are vital to survival, let alone electric vehicles. Does anyone remember the ice storm of 1998? 23 days to restore power in Maine.
8. Let's not make this mistake

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