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To Whom It May Concern,

I am requesting a NO vote on any legislation supporting EV mandates.

The word 'mandate' alone is enough reason.

I am well read and informed about EV pros and cons. I own a 'mild hybrid' vehicle (the ICE moves the vehicle forward, the battery takes care of the rest of the systems). I support environmental causes. I am an outdoors enthusiast.

I do not support mandates. I do not support climate hysteria. I do not support government restrictions on freedoms. EV mandates will crush the vast majority of Maine constituents on the affordability problem alone.

Questions abound with the technology. Too many answers are required. Cradle to grave pollution is not advertised. We are in no position to be legislating mandates.

The hesitation is simple. Affordable, reliable transportation is a necessity for most Mainers and most Americans. Fortunately, conventional cars (ICE vehicles) have evolved toward increased efficiency while remaining far more affordable than EV's. We need all of the options for our transportation and energy needs for many years to come. EV mandates are tone deaf to this reality.

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