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As a resident of Aroostook County Maine, I strongly oppose Chapter 127-A. In our remote and cold climate, with limited charging options, it's crucial that we maintain the flexibility to adopt electric vehicles (EVs) at a reasonable pace. Mandating a rapid increase in EV sales to 51% by 2028, as proposed in this rule change, would be impractical and disruptive. Currently, our state has only about a 1% adoption rate for EVs, even lower in rural areas like Aroostook. We need time for the market to mature and for EVs, especially pickup trucks, to become more affordable and accessible. Accelerating this transition prematurely would impose unnecessary costs on our economy and personal lives. Let's prioritize a gradual and sustainable approach to EV adoption that takes into account our unique challenges and needs in Maine.

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