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Dear Board,  
Please log my comments as against the proposed rule regarding electric vehicles.

There are many reasons why I object. First is that I do not believe that this is something that viably can be mandated. I do not want to have an electric vehicle. I do not want to be tied to the power grid for moving about. I think these cars are priced high and that the costs for new batteries is very high. As a low income Mainer, I do not have the money to buy that expensive of a vehicle. I do not have that expense amount saved up to be able to pay repair/replacement of batteries and other parts for my vehicle. It makes it so that we would not safely be able to work on the vehicle and have to take it to a shop for it to be fixed. I prefer that we are able to make repairs ourselves.

Please reconsider passing this in favor of maintaining the freedom to choose by the consumer, not a mandate.

Sincerely,

Laura Pecoraro: a Maine voter