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Dear Maine DEP -

I write to notify you that as a Maine resident and taxpayer with individual rights, I am opposed to the proposed (essentially) mandate created by a small number of special interests and decided by a small unelected bureaucrats in the state. Voters didn't choose any of you to make decisions for us.

This proposal is a bunch of hooley and idiocy. EVs do not reduce fossil fuel use (they just run it through electricity companies instead), they are quite clearly unfeasible given New England and Maine's unreliable electric infrastructure (you should be well aware of this given that electric outages spurred the postponement of this vote.) This mandate will drive up the cost of purchasing and maintaining ALL vehicles for Mainers at a time when soaring electricity costs - on top of everything else in this state - are making life unaffordable in Maine.

The DEP has absolutely no right to make car purchasing decisions for residents. Maine is determined to drive people and business out of the state with its dumb-as-bricks policies.

Frankly, I've had more than enough of Augusta's everywhere government. Stay in your lane.

Sincerely,

Lauren Knebel