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Thank you for allowing more public comment on this matter.

The rule being considered will significantly harm an already impoverished public. While at the same time, it will have no impact on environmental quality in Maine, and an overall negative impact globally. EV battery manufacturing is far worse for the planet than combustion engines. The green initiatives already in place by this state administration have tarnished Maines scenic value, and are putting our business community at a great disadvantage. Soon no prospective business will even have ME on their radar(very few do now) and a dismal economic climate and population exodus will follow. This is something we already struggle with and rules like this only make living and succeeding in Maine worse.

Electric vehicles are not viable, not wanted, nor are they safe. Just ask any firefighter about the difficulties they see in extinguishing an EV fire. Ask any car dealer who can't give these cars away. Ask any transportation company how EV transport trucks are a complete fools errand. Ask any electric power generator how we could possibly power electric vehicles with the limited resources we have to do so.

Nothing about this rule will benefit anyone; environmentally, economically, or socially. The only exception is environmental "do-gooders" that use these misguided initiatives to force change that has no benefit other than self-aggrandizement.

Please do not force Maine to follow Californias lead to inevitable failure. We have enough hurdles to deal with living in ME already.

Maines DEP should be working to restore hydroelectric power into our arsenal of strategies. Where would Maine be economically if we still had hydro power in our State? Surely we'd be in a much better position economically and environmentally without question. Rules such as this are eerily similar to the mistakes of our past. Please don't repeat them.

Respectfully, a lifetime Mainer.

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