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I am vehemently OPPOSED to implementation of this rule.

1. Government should not be mandating actions by private industry in general without full approval by elected representatives of the people.
2. Maine should not follow other States regulations blindly, especially high population and extremely restrictive States such as CA and NY using their regulatory templates.
3. Maine government should not give unelected officials in any Board the power to mandate rules by a vote of 6 people.
4. Maine government should not be limiting the use of private vehicles by creating State Inspection regulations extending beyond public safety requirements.
5. The Maine BEP has a history of initiating rules that have no benefit to the general public and get promulgated through a lack of an passive, uninformed public response.
6. The Maine BEP places inexperienced and unknowledgeable personnel in positions with unreasonable power to decide issues with unintended consequences on the people of Maine.
7. Electric vehicles are not ready to replace a fueled vehicle in the Maine climate.
8. The only nuclear power plant in Maine was decommissioned and represented the cleanest and largest source of power for Maine.
9. Electric charging is very slow compared to a 5 minute fuel stop and is not practical for normal everyday life.
10. Electricity generated for charging vehicles has to originate primarily from emissions generating power sources.
11. Solar fields are 8hr per day maximum contributors to the grid. Wind Turbines need to be in Class 4-5 wind locations to be 35% efficient and get shut down with 30mph wind.
12. Solar and wind are eyesores, need tree cleared land, require subsidies to be cost effective, use foreign country materials and metals, are limited lifespans with costly cleanup requirements.
13. Solar and wind are not "demand response" sources and effectively reduce power system reliability as their percentage increases on the grid.
14. Mandating electric vehicles in Maine would create extreme electricity and infrastructure demands not available in a sparsely populated State.
15. Any actions to reduce the effects of human causes of "climate change" will have an immeasurable effect on the Earth's climate. Science is not done by consensus !

This rule is an example of unchecked environmentalism for the "public good" ignoring every obvious consequence detrimental to normal life and private business operation and research. Progress is stifled, slowed and occasionally eliminated by a small group of zealots mandating actions that bypasses science.