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I am writing in opposition to this rule. This rule will not have the intended effect, but instead only move pollutants to another region of our country or world, quite probably increasing pollution via mining and production of batteries and associated equipment. If we are to think globally as we are encouraged to do, this is an unavoidable fact.

Mainers are already suffering under high federal and state taxes which are used to subsidize ineffective methods of reducing pollutants (production of ethanol which requires more energy than it replaces, solar farms which cannot reliably meet societal needs without taking huge tracts of land, etc.). Electric vehicles are already available for those who choose to use them - along with high cost of purchase and maintenance. These vehicles will simply not be affordable to many (most) Mainers and put further hardships on those already struggling economically in our society.

Please do not force another ineffective solution down Mainers' throats in the interest of merely "doing something".

Respectfully,

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