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I would like to comment on the:

Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program

I DO NOT support the State of Maine mandating what percentage of new vehicles being sold must be electric. There are many negatives to electrical vehicles and the pollution that is caused by their construction, maintenance (battery replacement), as well as their decommissioning (toxic chemicals). These vehicles are also a dangerous hazmat and personal safety concern for our brave firefighters who must risk their lives responding to electric vehicles that have been involved in accidents.

I feel that the State is rushing to jump on the electric vehicle mandate without a thorough unbiased view of their true cost, both financially, ecologically, as well as the human suffering around the world from the precious, and sometimes toxic, metal mining that is required to manufacture these vehicles.

We may be all driving electric cars someday, but now is not the time, especially in a cold winter state such as Maine. The technology needs to advance much further before these vehicles make sense for the masses, especially in Maine. We must wait for electrical vehicle design to progress and make sense for Maine PRIOR to initiating a rule such as this, if at all.

California has a reputation of being a birthplace of bad legislation. This is just one more example. I cannot believe that any state would want to mimic California and how they govern. California is losing population to their tyrannical and nonsensical way of governance. Do we really want to follow their lead and start losing Maine population as well?

Please listen to the citizens of Maine who are OVERWHELMINGLY against this rule. To vote against the will of the people is by definition, tyrannical.

tyr·an·ny 'tir-ə-nē

: oppressive power

especially : oppressive power exerted by government

: a rigorous condition imposed by some outside agency or force

: an oppressive, harsh, or unjust act : a tyrannical act

Although I am one who is very environmentally conscious, I'd ask that you to throw this rule into the trash bin of bad ideas.

Thank You,

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