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Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to Chapter 127-A which calls for a mandate on electric vehicles. I am coming to you with a perspective of someone who has a wide picture of the power grid system.

I work as a Transmission Line Engineer, so my job is to ensure that the high voltage components of the power grid. From my professional experience, Maine's grid infrastructure is not in a place where applying a substantial amount of demand is feasible. We simply do not have the infrastructure in place, neither in capacity of power or grid design to accommodate all electric vehicles.

Please consider the strain you would be placing on a grid that is not ready, and potentially causing power loss for hundreds of thousands of Mainers.

Thank you,
Michelle