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Dear Regulator:

I oppose the rule mandating EV, and any similar to Ch. 127-A

I fully understand that you believe that you are doing something positive. However it is obvious to those of us with greater experience, a broader perspective, and greater contact with the middle class and common folk, that this is going to result as a repressive/oppressive action. I understand that you likely live in a densely populated area with readily available services, reliable electricity, and that you have a large, guaranteed, income, so that any difficulties due to this bill would not be something you would experience.

For better or worse, at least until today, the lives of the people, particularly in states like Maine with sparse populations, that people need individual transportation. This bill makes changes that become so expensive and difficult that the middle to average person would become isolated, and unable to commute to their job, appointments, obtain food, etc.

Further, as the EV picture slowly becomes more clear, it is becoming more obvious that there are issues with safety, reliability, utility, cost, that have not been remedied. By contrast, the existing internal combustion vehicles have been well-vetted, and are beyond those problems. Not to mention that the "clean" electricity that you refer to is actually not clean, and not reliable and not green.

As stated, I oppose this bill, and by extension will oppose your actions that support it.

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