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The Aroostook Partnership is a community and economic development organization in Northern Maine representing over 80 organizations. Having read about the CA rule Maine is considering adopting, I am voicing my strong concerns about Maine signing on. We are an independent state that is as dissimilar to CA as you can get in our economy, geography, climate, industries, culture and just about everything else. To allow mandates CA has adopted to dictate Maine's direction with EV adoption makes no sense and will only cause Maine to become less competitive, lose jobs to other states and be more costly to live in. We elect Maine legislators to represent Maine people and pass bills that best support our economy, people and way of life. That's how our transition to cleaner transportation solutions needs to happen and not under the direction of people setting policies for a totally different state thousands of miles from Maine. PLEASE vote against implementing any CA Rule scenario that forces hundreds of thousands of people like me, who live in the coldest regions of the state and rely on the functionality of a pickup truck, to pay exorbitant prices for vehicles not capable of functioning in this environment.

Respectfully,

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