

Townsend, Erle

From: Dianne Kelliher <dprk.510x@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 1:47 PM
To: DEP Rule Comments
Subject: Chapter 127-A

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside of the State of Maine Mail System. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

This is a comment on the State of Maine's effort to follow the lead of California on EV vehicle standards. Take a moment and investigate the history of California in this area and one will see the utter failure and lack of common sense in their decisions. Maine is very very well known for its free thinking and independent ways of living that are grounded in common sense. Maine has a very different system of weather that profoundly affects how we live and our economy is certainly on a different scale than that of California. Speaking of weather would you drive a newly designed EV vehicle from Houlton to Kittery in a raging northeaster?

The country is not ready for a full immersion into these new standards for a wide variety of reasons and if the state of Maine adopts these California standards the result will be a total failure. The environment will be especially harmed with the increased need to vastly increase the demand for lithium and its related mining demands. Another major issue is the lack of any suitable safe disposable plans for the batteries.

Do not pass this foolish legislation.

Thank you.

Peter and Dianne Kelliher of Minot Maine