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Thanks,
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Question or Comment

I am writing with a serious concern about the proposed requirements imposing sales quotas on EVs over the next decade. Maine is NOT California and if the Board makes decisions to force the sales of EVs, we will again be sold down the river of unresponsive government making decisions about our lives. First, the market for EVs needs to develop and attract the

average Mainer. We don't all live in the greater Portland area and have to depend on our vehicles. We would support policy that ENCOURAGES EV sales, particularly if it specifically includes hybrids. Most of us are worried about vehicles with a range of one or two hundred miles in the winter months, the lack of charging infrastructure and the paucity of choice for Ev purchases. In America, we accomplish our best work through a market-driven economy. When EVs are up to the job, we will buy them! (The recent wind and rainstorm would have left more than half our state without transportation for up to five days.) Forcing us to buy EVs before they are fully attractive to the consumer is a strategy designed to fail. At this point, I would go out of state to buy a hybrid or an efficient gas powered vehicle rather than have an unresponsive government force my hand.

I urge you to show both intelligence and restraint before you create rules that a majority of Mainers would label onerous. And, FYI, I purchased a very fuel efficient Forester a year ago June which routinely gets 40 mpg on the highway. My range is more that 500 miles. Living in rural Maine, I count on this car. It's time to listen to OUR voices and not model our state after a failed one, California. You can do better than that.

R. Abbey