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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed rule incorporating the requirements of the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, beginning model year 2027. Several issues are at hand. First the durability of these vehicles in areas of severe winter weather has been not up to par with traditional internal combustion engines. Battery life is greatly shortened. Secondly the infrastructure needed to support electric vehicles (charging stations and mechanics) is not in place. Third is mineral resources needed to build these electric vehicles replacing the internal combustion vehicles is way beyond current mining levels and the money to obtain enough Lithium and Cobalt, etc will sky rocket making the electric vehicles cost prohibitive to the average Mainer.

It is evident by what has occurred in the past 5 years electric vehicles should NOT be mandated.

Sincerely,

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