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Good morning.

I am opposed to the referenced program as is clearly evident by our most recent weather events, that resulted in multiple day power outages, would have significantly impacted the ability to charge EVs in marginal increased numbers.

One only need to look nationally on what occurs with EVs in colder climates and any type of prolonged winter weather event. Given that Maine's climate is subject to extreme cold, and extreme weather events, causing large-scale power outages, EVs are not a viable mode of transportation at this time for our state. Simply put, it would be a step backwards in efficient and effective transportation versus current internal-combustion motorization.

Further, even discounting the aforementioned, our current power grid does not have sufficient capacity for any large-scale implementation of EVs. We should not put the proverbial cart before the horse at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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