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My name is Stephen W. Hall and I oppose any legislation for Chapter 127-A on reference to the Advanced Clean Cars II Program. I have experienced the extra cost first hand that was placed on our family business for Federal Requirements for diesel engines in commercial off-road vehicles. The costs increase effects the buyer and we the small business owner for the extensive training, the added costs for maintenance, and stocking extra needed repair parts for these changes. We have also experienced a decrease of new unit sales from the higher implemented costs due to added technology for these mandates when purchasing many of these diesel-powered off-road vehicles.

Consumers and businesses in the automotive industry selling electric vehicles are experiencing this now at a small level. Government needs to look at the big picture. Towns and municipalities have added costs to get Fire & Rescue departments trained to handle the new dangers that electric powered vehicles can create, thus more increases to local tax payers. Who pays for all the added costs for charging stations? Maine does not have an electrical power grid in place that is capable of handling the extra power needed for these electric vehicles that are sold. Are we going to have black outs in the future? What will the increased energy costs be to the consumer and business to build these grids?

Electric powered vehicles have their place. We are not a populated state like California and other parts of the world, nor is our weather similar to their climates. We have a much colder climate in the winter that is not conducive to electric vehicle operation. Mainers need to have the right to choose and not tried to be forced into buying what our government mandates.

Thank you for reading my concerns that will match most people from Maine.

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