

Townsend, Erle

From: Burke, Ruth A
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 2:45 PM
To: Townsend, Erle; Cayting, Lynne A
Cc: Hinkel, Bill
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Board of Environmental Protection to regulate the percentage of electric vehicles

Please see the comment from Susan McGaulley below.

Ruth Ann Burke
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Board of Environmental Protection
Commissioner's Office

From: McGough, John <John.McGough@legislature.maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:59 AM
To: Burke, Ruth A <Ruth.A.Burke@maine.gov>
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Board of Environmental Protection to regulate the percentage of electric vehicles

Ruth Ann - FYI

From: McGough, John
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Hinkel, Bill <bill.hinkel@maine.gov>
Cc: 'Amy Arata' <amybarata@gmail.com>
Subject: Public Comment on Board of Environmental Protection to regulate the percentage of electric vehicles

Bill,

Please find the following public comment from Susan McGaulley from Gray (207-632-9009) regarding the Board of Environmental Protection's ruling to regulate the percentage of electric vehicles sold in the State of Maine. I'm not positive if the Board is still receiving public comments; however, I want to forward you her concerns.

If you have any questions or if there is another format for public comment submissions, please let me know.

Thanks,
John McGough

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From: Arata, Amy <Amy.Arata@legislature.maine.gov>

Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 7:26 AM

To: Susan McGaulley <susan.mcgaulley@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Contact

Dear Ms. McGaulley,

Thank you so much for your input. I agree with you. I believe that the public comment period for the Bureau of Environmental Protection period has closed, but I will forward your email in case I am mistaken and it can still be submitted.

We are advocating to have this matter decided by the legislature rather than the unelected BEP. If this opportunity arises, I will be voting against the mandate. With hybrid technology already mature and improving, more people are deciding to purchase them, as you have. A mandate to sell purely electric vehicles doesn't make sense. If people drive short distances and want an electric car, that should be their choice, but it's not realistic for everybody. Many Maine legislators wouldn't even be able to get to Augusta!

Best Regards,

Representative Amy B. Arata

Maine House District 104 (New Gloucester & Gray)

Assistant House Republican Leader

From: Susan McGaulley <susan.mcgaulley@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 7:21:42 AM

To: Arata, Amy

Subject: Re: Contact

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hello Representative Arata,

Thank-you for emailing me. I tried through the government website, but it wanted me to give my credentials to Microsoft which I did not want to do.

I am writing concerning the initiative with the Board of Environmental Protection to regulate the percentage of electric vehicles sold in the state. If you know a more appropriate person or agency to communicate with, please let me know. I have already communicated with the Board and with my state senator.

The current technology for the battery in electric vehicles is not robust enough to be practical for cold weather states like Maine. It is not about how many vehicle charging stations there are. It is about the reduction in miles per charge in cold weather and the time it takes to recharge in cold weather. I know that I, for one, will go out of state to purchase a car with a more appropriate car for the winters in Maine.

I am very much concerned with the environment and live my life trying to minimize my carbon footprint, I drive a hybrid vehicle which is affected by the cold, but in a way that negatively impacts my life - stopping frequently for recharges that take a long time.

If there is another entity to communicate with, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Susan McGaulley

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Gray

207 632-9009

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 11:30 AM Arata, Amy <Amy.Arata@legislature.maine.gov> wrote:

Hello Ms. McGaulley,

I received a note that you had called and left me your email address. What can I help you with?

Best Regards,

Representative Amy B. Arata

Maine House District 104 (New Gloucester & Gray)

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