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In regards to this proposed rule.

As a Maine citizen I am writing to OPPOSE this action. While I do recognize that efforts must be taken to address climate change and pollution, I feel that a measured approach must be taken that fully incorporates the net effect over the entire lifespan of any proposed solution. The production of EVs require significant natural resources and mining of rare earth metals. The carbon costs and associated environmental pollution and effects of this process must be accounted for. The limited efficiency and utility of EVs -- especially in cold climates like Maine -- limit the usefulness and overall suitability of the current technology. I would suggest Maine invest in public transit solutions -- such as trains / urban monorail and light trains -- to fully address these challenges. Continuing dependence on private vehicles is not the solution and trades one problem for another. We need better.

Very respectfully,
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