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Hello,

As an insurance agent in northern Maine, I see the financial struggles of Aroostook County people every day. Many, if not most of our customers frequently express the difficulties they are facing with rising prices. People are discouraged and frustrated over their limited financial resources as prices in all market sectors keep rising. The electric vehicle mandate would exacerbate our fellow Mainers' hardships even more and I fear many would be pushed to the breaking point. I implore you, please show mercy to our struggling friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens who absolutely cannot afford to live in a state with an EV mandate. An EV mandate will also push the prices of gasoline powered vehicles and replacement parts up much higher as they become more scarce. Therefore, the Mainers who cannot afford to purchase an EV and still maintain a gasoline powered vehicle will still feel the financial burdens of an EV mandate. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Todd Russell  
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