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To: DEP Rules Committee Members
Re: Chapter 127-A: Advanced Clean Cars II Program

This is to inform you that I vehemently disagree with the proposed plan to force the use of electric vehicles on Maine residents per the Advanced Clean Cars II Program.

A process of this magnitude **should not be** decided by unelected board members. A matter so huge in its economic effect on Maine citizens should **ONLY** be decided by Maine voters, not special interest groups.

Most Mainers can not afford EV's, nor do we want them. The current infrastructure cannot support the load strain these EV's would cause, particularly in winter months when storms frequently knock out power and take days to be restored. (remember the December storm that caused you to cancel your meeting due to a power outage?)

Please do the right thing for the people of Maine and reject this boondoggle. Approving it will only harm Maine citizens. Living in Maine is expensive enough as it is. Do not compound the economic impact this will cause.

Thank you for your consideration.

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