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To whom it may concern,

I am Representative Mike Soboleski, proudly serving House District 73, which covers a majority of the Western Maine Mountains. I come before you today to discuss the Maine BEP changing their proposed requirement that half of the cars, SUVs, and light-duty trucks sold in Maine be fully electric or plug-in-hybrids from model year 2027, to model year 2028.

As I have stated before, and will state again I am not inherently against the concept of an Eclectic Vehicle altogether. However, I will continue to express the immense impact a rule change such as this would have on hard-working Maine citizens from every corner of our great state. Additionally, I will never stop my fight for privately owned Maine businesses to keep their freedom in choosing what vehicles they want to purchase and sell on their own accord.

Rather than amending this proposed rule change to accurately reflect the state of our electric grids, infrastructure, and economic standings, I feel as though a change in one short model year does nothing for the people of this state other than “kick the can down the road” and I am here to say, that our hard-working, tax-paying, resilient citizens deserve more than pushing an ongoing problem down the road.

I respectfully ask the BEP to once again consider the extensive damage this rule change will cause for Mainers. I would be more than pleased to have a formal meeting with you to discuss the ongoing issues surrounding the proposed rule change that need urgent attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Soboleski".

Michael A. Soboleski
State Representative