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I am opposed to the rule changes being proposed requiring gas powered vehicles to be phased out in favor of electric vehicles over the next few years. While I do not know if there is a specific timeline set forth for this to happen, it seems to me that “over the next few years” is just plain TOO SOON!

And that is my main concern. All this push to electric vehicles is just plain way too new and not yet time tested. Not to mention the fact that the cost is prohibitive, just like anything new. Maine is not the place to do this. Let other more prosperous areas test out the new vehicles and maybe in time it will prove to be worth it, even beneficial. Right now people are NOT lining up to purchase these cars. If people see they really are good, maybe even saving money in the long run, then they will want them. Let the free market determine the demand. Forcing people to buy them is just incredibly anti-American.

Thank you,

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