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Hello,

I am writing because I am against the proposed Chapter 127-A advanced clean cars program. This program is too radical too fast. With the cost of electricity skyrocketing this will only put more strain on the grid and increase demand which will further increase costs. My home electric bill has increased over 50% since I bought my house in 2019. I believe the states initiative to install heat pumps has contributed to this. Also, most people, including me, can't afford electric vehicles and the high costs of installing a charger.

Current electric car technology isn't as efficient in places like Maine with extreme cold weather. The cold can reduce range by 25-35%. As you know, Maine is very rural and spread out. Many people, including me, have significant commutes to work.

I believe the consumer should be able to decide to buy electric or not. Electric vehicle sales percentages in Maine are in the single digits for a reason. Once the technology is up to par and the prices competitive, people will naturally transition.

Thanks,
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