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I believe it's a short sighted move to move so quickly to an electric car program. The State of Maine does not have the charging infrastructure or the climate (frigid winters) necessary for people to efficiently and safely operate a mostly-electric fleet of vehicles for its citizenry. This will only serve to hurt consumers in this state, particularly middle class and lower income citizens. The timeline for such a change—should it be enacted—needs to be drawn out by at least ten more years on top of the currently proposed time frame. This would allow for technology to catch up with consumer demands, for electric (or other alternative fuel) vehicles to become more mainstream, and most importantly, to provide consumers with a better priced menu of vehicle options that have better ranges when their vehicles are fully charged.

I urge you to vote against adopting the California standard. California, by the way, is similarly failing its lower and middle class citizens through its overly aggressive bureaucracy and legislative pace. Maine need not follow California in order to show its leadership in this country—at all.

Thank you,

Greg Osilka