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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in opposition to the adoption of California style electric vehicle (EV) requirements requested by the Natural Resources Council of Maine. The adoption of such a rule would be catastrophic for the people of Maine. EVs are poorly suited to our rural, northern state and would result in Maine citizens paying even more for electricity and would greatly harm the environment.

The State north of Augusta is widely dispersed with little to no infrastructure available for EVs. Such vehicles do not have the range necessary to be practical, particularly pick up trucks or vehicles towing trailers. Additionally, our winters further decrease the ranges between charges. Such vehicles are more expensive than gas vehicles and expensive to run and maintain.

Finally, EV production is extremely harmful to the environment and would increase our dependence on China who does not have our best interest in mind. The additional burden on our electrical infrastructure is also a concern. There may be a future for hybrid gas/EV combination vehicles but mandating EVs in the near future is a horrible idea. It will result in citizens either buying vehicles out of state or moving out of state in order to protect their freedoms.

Thank you for your consideration.

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