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Memorandum of Opposition

Date: Aug 16 2023

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Environmental Protection

From: Jonathan Martell

RE: California-style vehicle emissions regulations currently under consideration by the agency.

Madam Chair and members of the Board, my name is Jonathan Martell from Sanford. I would like to express my Opposition of the proposed rules.

Electric vehicles are dangerous for Mainers and should not be made mandatory in any manner.

First, most Maine fire departments are not properly equipped to handle battery fires that often spread to other vehicles and are nearly impossible to extinguish.

Secondly, the cost and range of most vehicles make them not suitable for Maine families. Most people can't afford a \$60,000 plus vehicle that can only be used for a work commute, if that. As you may know a standard gasoline engine produces heat as part of the process. Electric vehicles lose range in exchange of heating the cabin, lights, defrosting, etc. This all puts the user at risk if they get stuck in bad traffic due to an accident.

More importantly, Maine's electrical grid can't handle a significant increase in Electric Vehicle use. California is already dealing with rolling blackouts.

Let Maine families decide what works best for their family.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Martell  
Sanford, ME

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