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Dear Lynne Cayting,

My name is Kelly Coffin and I reside in Clinton, Maine. I heard about the proposed changes to make Maine like California in their environmental standards. First, Maine is nothing like California. We do not have the grid to support such changes. Our climate is nothing like California. Maine is a poor state and rules like this will make that even worse. We are too rural, too spread out . The majority of incomes will not support the cost of buying or leasing such expensive vehicles. Also in all honesty the vehicles are not cheaper or less polluting to manufacture and the batteries will create a terrible strain on the environment when they expire. We have no good solutions for these problems at present. Another big concern is Maine's aging bridges . They are not in the greatest of shape and to add the strain of the extra weight of these vehicles in large numbers will become a safety hazard. While I am sure the people who put this forward are well meaning people this proposed rule change for Maine is probably decades away from being reasonable. It is hard enough to live in Maine NOW please don't make it worse or even impossible. I would have to seriously consider moving to another state as our family nears retirement. We have fulltime care of our Autistic son and would not have the resources to spend on an overpriced vehicle, and could not sit and wait for charging. This would be absolutely impossible with him. These proposed rules will benefit the very few and cause such problems for everyone else. What are famers supposed to do or loggers or anyone else that count on diesel powered autos. Every cost increase a business will have to upgrade to meet new standards ends up on the people making this doubly troubling. California has become a hell hole to live in, people are leaving in droves because of rules and expenses and control by environmental zealots. I beg you do not start us down that path and ruin ' Maine, the way life should be'.

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