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I am writing to you regarding your recent public hearing regarding adopting California standards for vehicles. Many Maine citizens testified at the hearing that Maine is not California which is in truth a very good thing!

First, let me tell you the very good news about Maine, One of five of the cleanest states in the country according to the Federal Energy Information Office. California ranks in the 20's. Second, Maine is third in carbon capture behind Vermont and Idaho. California is far behind. When the expedited wind law was passed, here was the breakdown of Maine's emissions; 57% transportation sector, 14% industrial sector, 12% commercial sector, 14% residential sector, the remaining 3% not described. In 2018, US border and customs reported that 951 semi trucks passed through Maine borders daily. Many of those trucks were traveling through the state of Maine to bring goods from Canada to mid Atlantic states, without stopping in Maine. Judging by the number of trucks, many of which were Canadian, at Dysart's truck stop in Hampden Maine mid day last week, I think we are back to precovid interstate commerce! My point in presenting these facts is that Maine is a very clean state related to other states in the Union, including California.

Maine also differs from California both in terms of its economy, its population and its climate. California has the fifth largest economy in the world. Maine is 44th in the US. California has a population of 39+ million people; Maine 1.37 million. And Maine also has the oldest population, with many of its citizens living only on retirement benefits. California has a warm to moderate climate with only a few parts cold in the winter. Maine is a cold climate state, requiring heating of homes more than 6 months of the year. Mainers also face sizable commutes to work, A recent study showed that the shortest commute to work is for those living in Aroostook county at 18.7 minutes, and surprisingly, the longest commute for those living in Oxford County at 28.8 minutes. That said, the median household income in Maine is \$63,182 per year; the median household income in California is \$81,575 per year.

Maine is not California. In fact we are far from California and better off for it! Do not govern us like we are California, and that includes shoving EV's that the average Mainer cannot afford.

Our public officials are elected of the people, by the people, and for the people. Those officials appointed to serve on commissions and boards as well as those hired by Maine officials are hired under that same directive. Please make rules and laws and rules that best fit the needs of Maine people that they can afford, not for some other state.

Thank you.

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