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Testimony
In Opposition

Dear Department of Environmental Protection Rulemaking Committee:

I am State Representative Barbara Bagshaw from District 106. I represent part of the town of Windham.

I would like to voice my opposition to this rule mandating increased sales of electric vehicles here in Maine.

We have a free market system. Auto dealers should be able to choose to sell product in the amount that they want to sell and not be mandated by the state.

EV's are a heavier load on roads and highways and that increased stress is not accounted for in the highway maintenance budget.

The revenue stream provided by the gas tax we pay per gallon towards DOT road maintenance goes down each year with the increase of EVs.

Our electric grid and infrastructure was not built to withstand the increased use.

For these and many other issues, I am opposed to this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Bagshaw".

Barbara Bagshaw
State Representative