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**Subject:** California-style vehicle emissions rules under consideration by the agency.

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I am writing to express my opposition to the California style vehicle emission rules under consideration put forward by NRCM.

Approval of these rules would put an extensive economic burden on those of us struggling in this inflation ridden economy. The high cost of electric vehicles and the cost of installing charging stations at our residences, is economically prohibitive to those of us who are not in upper middle class or higher

In addition, I have used electric vehicles at my job with the state of Maine. Their ability to drive any substantial distance for committing, especially in the winter is prohibitive. We are currently in the process of getting rid of our Nissan leaf electric vehicle at my bureau as we cannot even drive from Augusta to Orono with it.

Lastly, there is a lack of charging stations and our electricity grid cannot handle the increased charging capacity required. Just look at California as an example.

During these difficult economic times, I strongly urge you to not approve these new California style vehicle emission laws. Thank you for considering my comments.

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