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With regards to this proposal, I urge Maine DEP to not move forward with it. While the intentions may be noble, we all need to look at the realities.

The biggest is that the cost of vehicles will undoubtedly increase substantially because of this. This will create a lot of economic hardship for people that are already struggling under the weight of high inflation costs. Maine is not a wealthy state, and this would be a serious financial detriment to many residents, and force them to choose between a car, food and heating oil.

Maine is a rural state, so not being able to afford a car is an absolute disaster for most people.

Maine is also not prepared for a flood of EV vehicles. There is next to no infrastructure for it, the rural nature of the state makes it difficult, we are prone to serious storms that can cause prolonged power outages, and our power grid is not ready to handle that influx.

The time is not now to make this change.

Thank you,
Steven Goldberg