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My Name is Annique Milite, resident of Freeport.

I urge, in the strongest possible terms, to vote NO on LD 2077. I write the same on behalf of my household.

Electric vehicles may make sense in the climes of Southern California - whose cues this bill's sponsors may be taking - but not in remote, sub-zero, driven-snow Maine, as this winter's devastating and hearing-cancelling flooding alone should have indicated. It is already well-known that batteries holds less of a charge in the cold, yet this committee is willing to risk that residents being stuck on far-off backroads in the middle of a blizzard because their Electric Vehicles - that they were forced to buy - did not hold a full-charge. As it is, electric buses in school district fleets go unused because they are unreliable and more prone to break down. Never mind the many disconcerting reports of EVs blowing up because the batteries grow too hot and cannot be kept inside a garage, whose fires cannot be put out with mere water but more soil-infiltrating chemicals. That these batteries - using child-labor strip-mined rare earth minerals from nations that this bill's proponents normally bemoan for being exploited and less-well regulated - are more expensive to replace than the vehicle itself and whose said rare earth minerals cause more damage in the landfills alone than are mitigated while in use, should to give pause (as it were).

Geography aside, there is no need for prohibitive such measures, here or anywhere. Consumers benefit most from freedom of choice, gas to geo-thermal. More sinister is that the less demand there is for these novel technologies, the more their flaws become apparent even to earnest consumers, the more under-developed and unready they are for broad market adaptation, the more they are mandated from on high. But seems to be the new methodology of the last ten years, here as with other technologies suddenly forced on us.

I hope that it is only misplaced idealism and not deliberate inconveniencing of Maine Citizens that is driving this transition.

Thank you for your time,