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Hello, while I am in support of the portions of LD 1809 that tax deliveries and out-of-state vehicles, I am in opposition to the portion of this bill that places a flat fee of \$200 on electric vehicle registrations. Not only is this fee higher than the average gas tax paid by vehicle owners in Maine (a little over \$150), it places the same fee on someone whether they drive a lot or a little. It also would likely not generate very much revenue given how few users of the road currently drive electric, and it would disincentivize people to purchase electric vehicles at a time when the State has stated vehicle electrification to be a major goal and one of the best ways for us to reach our climate goals. It makes the most sense to tax users of the road based on how much they use the roads and the weight of their vehicles. Heavier vehicles, especially heavy trucks, cause the most road damage, and obviously, the more you use the roads, the more damage you cause. Taxing people based on these aspects rather than simply on the source of fuel in their vehicle (and at a flat rate) would make the most sense.