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LD 2261

To members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,
We are seeing some terrible impacts of climate change here in Maine and elsewhere and it is going to get much worse unless we act. Please oppose LD 2261 which would slow our progress on climate action, giving Mainers fewer choices, and undermining a non-partisan process.

I have driven an AWD electric car (EV) for two years now and find it to be a practical, effective and efficient way to get around. I can haul my boat, take trash cans to the transfer station, and go on road trips... and it cost less than the average non-luxury new car sold in the US.

Transportation accounts for nearly half (49%) of Maine's annual climate changing pollutants, more than any other sector.

Clean vehicle standards are the best option to get more EVs on the road in Maine and to successfully address climate change as a state.

These standards are rated as number one recommendation in Maine's Clean Transportation Roadmap. This last-minute bill is based on misinformation about what these standards do.

A year-long, thoughtful participatory process has already incorporated input and comments from thousands of Mainers, including many legislators, on this -- one of Maine's most important climate and consumer choice policies.

Slowing the adoption of zero emission cars and trucks here will hurt Mainers sending new, cheaper EV models to other states first, leaving us with dirtier and more expensive gas cars.

I strongly urge you to vote "no" on LD 2261.

Thank you, Judy Berk, Northport, Maine 04849