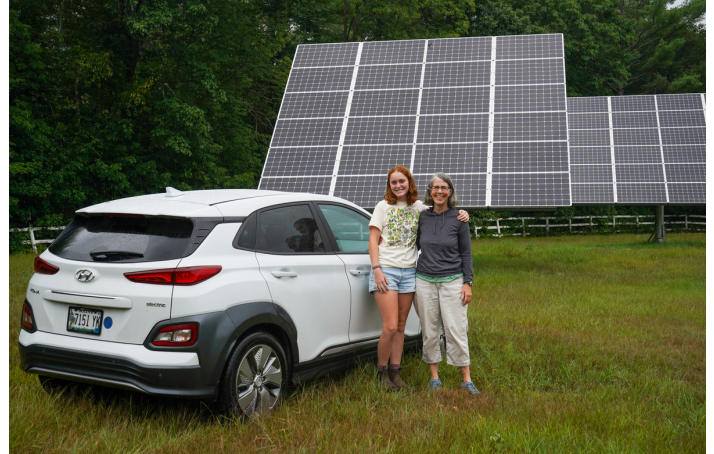


STOP THE DIRTY CARS BILL

LD 2261 would hold Maine back, slowing progress on climate action, giving Mainers fewer choices, and undermining a non-partisan process.

Maine needs to implement clean cars standards to reach our climate goals and reduce emissions from our most polluting sector.

- Transportation accounts for nearly half (49%) of Maine's annual greenhouse gas emissions, more than any other sector.
- Clean Cars and Trucks Standards are the best option to get more EVs on the road in Maine and to successfully address climate change as a state.
- Maine's Clean Transportation Roadmap, developed in 2021 to evaluate all of our policy options to reduce emissions from cars and trucks, listed these standards as the number one recommendation.



This last-minute bill is intended to second-guess the non-partisan process to implement these clean cars standards, based on misinformation about what these standards do.

- For decades, Maine has followed a nonpartisan process through the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) to adopt stronger emissions standards because we value clean air and healthy people.
- The year-long, thoughtful public health and environmental policy-making process currently underway has already incorporated input and comments from thousands of Mainers, including many legislators.
- Slowing the adoption of zero emission cars and trucks will hurt Maine people – ensuring new, cheaper EV models go to other states first, leaving us with what's left over: Dirtier and more expensive gas cars.



We must defeat this bill in order to save Mainers money, improve health, and reduce pollution.



- Climate change is impacting local communities now and the last thing we need to do is delay progress in addressing the biggest environmental crisis of our time.
- We have always valued clean air and healthy people, adopting strong standards based on science and evidence.
- LD 2261 is a last-minute bill designed to undermine a year-long participatory process carefully considering one of Maine's most important climate and consumer choice policies.

Defeat LD 2261. Stop the Undermining of Clean Cars Standards for Maine.

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Environmental Priorities Coalition

Maine's **Environmental Priorities Coalition** is an inclusive statewide alliance of 34 conservation, climate action, and public health organizations. Each year we collectively identify a slate of policy priorities to act on the climate crisis, further environmental justice, protect land, water, and wildlife, and cultivate healthy Maine communities.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to protect the extraordinary environment so all people and communities in Maine can thrive.



Marty Fox
Wiscasset Climate Action Team
LD 2261

Dear Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,
My name is Marty Fox living in Wiscasset on Buckwheat Blossom Farm. I have been very concerned about Climate Change for over 30 years. The damage to the coastal communities from this winter storm are an example of the Climate Change effects. As of this writing, I have not seen the attached Environmental Priorities Coalition's fact sheet listed in the testimonies. I am a member of at least 6 of the 34 NGO listed in the Coalition. I feel their fact sheet summarizes most of the reason's the Environmental and Natural Resource Committee should vote ought not to pass. Thank you for your consideration.
Marty Fox