

Testimony regarding:

LD 2261 An Act Designating New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules as Major Substantive Rules

LD 2261 is a last minute bill designed to single out the Advanced Clean Cars II Program that has been in the works for almost a year and is now being reviewed for approval by the Maine Bureau of Environmental Protection. This bill is intended to predetermine the outcome of that process, based on misinformation about what the standards outlined in the Program do.

Scientists have been telling us for decades that we must cut CO2 emissions without delay to slow climate change. Severe storm and wildfire damage across the country now costs billions of dollars every year. This past year Maine suffered millions of dollars in damages from several extreme storms. Yet, even as the consequences of climate change with all the astronomical costs get worse, there are those who continue to stand in the way of taking climate action.

Climate change is extremely serious and actions to remedy it, like the measures contained in the Clean Cars Program, should not be delayed or curtailed by politics. LD 2261 is a bad bill. Please do not support it.

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