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LD 2261

To Senator Stacy Brenner, Representative Lori Gramlich and Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

As a physician who cares deeply about the impact of clean air on all Mainers, and a grandmother concerned about the environment for my 5 year-old grandson born and growing up in Maine, I ask you to decide Ought Not to Pass for LD 2261. We need to speed up the transition to cars and trucks using clean energy for fuel, not slow it down.

I live on Islesboro, one of Maine's inhabited islands, which has been hit hard by four major storm surges since December 2023. We know the cause of this destructive weather--climate change. Greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels are the driver of climate change. That's why we need to stop driving gasoline-powered cars ASAP.

My personal vehicle is all electric. Even in a rural and relatively remote place like an island in Maine, I have not had any problem with charging my car or getting around in any season. There are more and more choices for EVs and EV-hybrid vehicles. We need to be strong and forge ahead with the vehicle transition.

Please do not slow down progress in this direction, undermining the contributions of thousands of Mainers to this policy making in the process.

Vote NO on LD 2261. Thank you.