

Dear Honorable Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,  
I am a member of Third Act Maine, Citizens Climate Lobby, Climate Reality, and the Climate Action Team at First Parish in Portland (which is part of MUUSAN).

I am writing in strong opposition to LD 2261 "An Act Designating New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules as Major Substantive Rules."

We need to address climate change with urgency that the climate crisis demands. LD 2261 takes us backwards!

We're already seeing the effects of fiercer and more frequent storms, affecting coastlines and roads, and threatening important infrastructure. Last year was the hottest year on record, and this year is already ramping up to be significantly hotter—which means the damaging weather phenomena are likely to worsen.

To address climate-related events, we have to look at our fossil fuel emissions. Passing legislation that slows the adoption of zero emission cars and trucks makes no sense, especially given the large proportion of emissions in Maine are caused by transportation.

Let's stick with our time-tested, nonpartisan process in the Board of Environmental Protection and not politicize the process by adding a requirement of legislative approval!

Thank you.

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