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This bill would impose a new tax on owners of electric cars and trucks across Maine. It would do nothing to address the structural problems causing Maine's transportation funding shortfall or road deterioration. Instead of addressing root causes--heavy trucks, road congestion, and storms linked to climate change--it effectively creates a disincentive for buying an electric vehicle. L.D. 622 penalizes drivers for trying to lower their carbon footprint with one of the largest EV fees in the country but only raises 1.5% of the \$280 Million projected budget shortfall in Maine's highway fund through 2027.

We need an alternative proposal that follows basic principles of cost causation rather than seeking to shift blame to Maine EV owners.