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Dear DEP...

I think EV's are a good idea, for some people, but not for all. And using the California "advanced clean cars 2" and "Advanced clean truck regulation" would be a great example, except that California has become so difficult to do business with that many people have left the state for greener pastures. Let me give you an example. I work for a manufacturer here in Maine who builds Green Energy efficient HVAC equipment that we sell across the North American Continent. If I need to ship something to California I have to arrange logistics up to the California border, arrange for a crane to lift the equipment from a diesel truck trailer to an EV trailer for the California final destination. All of these additional costs can run in the thousands of dollars that the end user, (resident or business) in California has to pay for.

Also many companies have left California not just because of the difficulties of doing business there but the cost of imposing such rules on the citizenship creates such a burden on them.

How do I know? I used to live there and still have some family and friends hanging on.

Have you tried to replace a battery in an EV? It is ridiculous to say they are more economical than combustion engines. Not to mention our infrastructure in Maine and our country as a whole is way behind and needs to be upgraded.

You would get far better results if you offered Tax incentives or other things for those who have an interest and can afford it. If you live in a city and work in a city the idea is great, but I put an average of 40k a year on my 6cylinder truck that gets in the 20-25 MPG range. I am a conservationist and care about the environment, however the EV market is not practical for all of us.

Please consider this rule change, if it makes Common sense it will pass, if not, you will create a monster.

<https://calmatters.org/environment/2023/03/california-electric-cars-demographics/>

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