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Katherine S. Dykes  
Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
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**SUBJECT: Rescheduling the Upcoming Public Hearing for Electric Vehicle Mandate**

Dear Commissioner Dykes,

I write to you on behalf of my constituents and all residents of Connecticut, urging a postponement of the electric vehicle mandate hearing currently set for August 22. My request is to defer the hearing by one week and ensure its conduction with both in-person attendance and remote participation options.

It is my belief that a matter of such significant policy change warrants a format that transcends virtual confines. Presently, the absence of an in-person element denies low- and middle-income families, who are particularly vulnerable to the implications of this mandate, the opportunity to voice their concerns within the physical chambers of the State Capitol. This situation silences those without the technological means or financial resources to engage via virtual platforms, impeding their democratic right to express their views. To foster a comprehensive and well-rounded discourse regarding the proposed regulations and their multifaceted impacts across diverse socioeconomic strata, it is essential that we do not exclusively accommodate individuals with access to modern communication tools. Our intention should be to ensure that all segments of society are represented in this dialogue, rather than solely amplifying the voices of those who can comfortably embrace an electric vehicle mandate. I am confident that you share my perspective, recognizing the practicality and alignment with democratic principles in my proposal.

To this end, I strongly advocate for at least one-week postponement of the hearing, allowing for an in-person session to convene.

Sincerely,

Jeff Gordon State Senator 35<sup>th</sup>