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Good morning -

Hopefully I understand what this issue is about, but if it seems off-topic, then my apologies.

Winter in Maine generally means the power goes out, sometimes for days at a time, particularly in rural areas.

Much of the state is rural.

Alternative-fuel vehicles generally require electricity to run.

If Maine mandates sales of alternative-fuel vehicles, and the opportunity to buy other vehicles becomes restricted, then people could be stranded without transportation and without the ability to fuel their vehicles, at a time when they are already in crisis, and that could result in death or permanent injury.

It also means that prices of vehicles could be very high, because if product availability is restricted, then prices will go up. It's the law of supply and demand.

I have lived in Maine all my life (so far), and every vehicle that I have purchased since my first car after high school has been a gasoline-powered vehicle. Every time I consider a new vehicle, I think about winter in Maine, and I will not buy a white car (it won't show up in the snow), a convertible (too cold in winter), a sports car (too low to the ground for the snow berm that occurs when the Town plows the road), and as much as I might like the gas mileage of an electric or hybrid vehicle, it still has to operate in winter when the power goes out, and I still have to be able to drive long distances in rural areas, so no, just no, I will not spend the thousands of extra dollars to buy that vehicle.

Please show some common sense, and stop being guided by what California might have decided. California's legislature does not govern Maine.

Thank you, and I appreciate your time.

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