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This is not a rule. It is a law. It's ridiculous and cannot be allowed to proceed any farther. 150 climate activist signatures cannot be allowed to determine the future of the entire state. I don't know anyone that owns one of these EVs, but I know a few that did at one time. They no longer own them because they cannot travel from southern Maine to Bangor and back again without charging. There is no supporting infrastructure to support this "rule". Battery life suffers in our cold winters. And then there's this big issue. THE VOTE ON THIS RIDICULOUS "RULE" WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE HALF THE STATE LOST POWER FOR DAYS ON END. how could anyone get to the small town local stores to get groceries to replace what was lost during the extended outage? Alternative heat sources? Basic survival supplies? The answer is they couldn't. Period. 150 activists and the Maine DEP can't be allowed to dictate to the rest of the state what cars to drive based on climate change goals that are unaffordable and unachievable for the very vast majority of the population of this vast wide expanse that is the state of Maine