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It is too soon to mandate EV sales for Maine residents.

Recent news reports have made it abundantly clear that pure EV vehicles have not yet reached a reliable status in extreme cold events similar to which Maine experiences during normal winters. Maine drivers should not be forced to adopt unreliable, and potentially life threatening, EVs before such vehicles have achieved cold weather reliability equal to or greater than ICE vehicles. Maine is not California...we have different climates and a much more rural population. Looking to other states for guidance on how to adopt future technologies places Maine behind other states in responsible adoption of, and best practices for, Maine transportation needs.

The numbers do not lie. Maine currently lacks the EV charging network to support large numbers of residents in adoption of EVs as their primary transportation. The electrical grid, charging infrastructure, and vehicle repair shops simply do not exist today in Maine to support large numbers of EVs on the road.

The electrical grid in Maine is of high concern especially in light of the push for the conversion from oil and gas heating in homes to green heat-pump technologies. Maines outdated electrical grid simply cannot sustain both home heating and EV charging in its current condition.

Additionally multiple EV manufacturers have issued press releases in recent days stating they intend to slow EV roll outs, and in some cases stop them entirely, as they develop more hybrid vehicles to achieve green house gas reductions.

I urge the members to act in the best interest of Maine residents and leave the adoption of EV transportation as a choice for residents. Maine does not need, and will not benefit, from burdensome mandates.

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