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To our Friends and Representatives in Augusta

I have always described myself as an environmentalist throughout my 62 years, but even more than that I describe myself as an American, and America means freedom. Freedom means choices. If there are no choices; there is no freedom. Mandates take away freedom. Reagan accurately described communism as government ownership of the means of production and fascism as private ownership under government control. The more you mandate, the more fascist you become. Allow the free open market and the choice of the people to control the rollout of these electric vehicles. This winter in Chicago we saw the freezing up of these electric vehicles and that some wouldn't charge, or that the charging rates on the lithium ion batteries was slowed to a rate was unsustainable. We in Maine have, as a whole, a lot cooler temperatures than in Chicago. Not to mention that we are regular recipients of power outages. If there is no power on the grid, people would be prevented from working, and from their medical care.

Let the will of the people, and the market be free to make choices.

Thank you for reading this.

Pastor Erick Ness  
Sent from my iPhone

P.S. Good news! God loves you. He sent the Lord Jesus Christ, His only son, to suffer and die for your sins; He paid your sin debt IN FULL.

He was buried but rose from the dead and was seen by hundreds of people.

God's Word, the Bible, teaches that if you will TRUST (believe on) the Lord Jesus and what He did to save you from your sins and will receive the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart to be your personal Savior, he will forgive all your sins, give you a new birth -- a brand new life -- and take you to Heaven instead of you going to hell, like Satan wants you to do.

Call on the Lord Jesus and trust Him and Him alone to save you from your sins right now. He will answer. He loves you!