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Did the majority of Maine citizens ask for this rule or law to be considered for adoption? No.

This rule was initiated in part by California.

This rule was then in-part copied and brought to Maine not by the demand of a majority of Maine citizens, but by some greater policy developing mechanism.

Sadly, the mechanisms at play would bring this policy forward into action if the public does not stop it.

That is an awful way to make progress.

Progress should come from the successful outcome of the majority of citizens looking for changes, not the failure of the majority to prevent changes as is the case now.

It is lost on no one that this last vote had to be postponed in part because of power outages and floods (untenable conditions for EV's). Like a Greek tragedy or a fable, we should learn from this lesson that forced electrical dependency for our transportation needs will be regrettable.

This is not rhetoric or fear mongering. This is absolute fact that in the face of power outages and floods an EV is not anyone's first choice.

In conclusion, Maine citizens did not initiate this consideration, yet now they have to protect their pro-choice position from more unwanted government intervention. It would be a mistake to mandate dependency on something that is intermittent in storms and crisis. States are independent from one another for a reason and as far as I'm concerned, what happens in California can stay in California.

Postscript:

I could imagine that the significant vested interests in EV's, EV parts, batteries, or any of the above materials associated with EVs has offered a lot of money to states willing to make this adoption. Not bribery, not illegal; I like to say good things need not organize to exist; Bad things have to work like the devil to exist.

Many thanks for this opportunity to express my comment.

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