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We've been following the Electric Vehicle mandate that was brought before the Mills-Appointed Maine Board of Environmental Protection. This controversial proposal is based on Californias' vehicle-emissions standards that would require that 51% of new car sales would need to be electric vehicles by 2028. That number climbs to 82% by model year 2032.

This is not only expensive and burdensome, but also completely impractical for rural Maine. Maine has cold winters and some of the longest commute times in the country. This rule would limit the number of gas-powered vehicles sold in Maine and reduce options for consumers.

The most egregious thing about these mandates is that it wasn't even addressed by the full Legislature. **These rules are being rammed through, at the request of special interest groups, by a board of unelected political appointees.**

Where does this egregious proposal stand now?

As a result of mass power outages prior to Christmas, the Board of Environmental Protection postponed their meeting but opened up the public comment period again.

The new deadline for public comments is February 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Please OPPOSE this electric vehicle mandate by writing to the department at the following email address. Include this subject line before registering your comments.

Public Comment Period for Electric Vehicle Mandate Extended

This is my response to the rule comments:

Maine families are struggling enough already. The last thing we need to do is mandate they buy an electric vehicle. Interest rates, grocery prices, and home heating are challenging enough to deal with.

Government shouldn't make life harder by reducing the options available to consumers and increasing the cost of purchasing a vehicle, especially when there is no real benefit.

Far beyond the above reasoning (EV's might be a good thing if these were the only or greatest reasons to dismiss them) are several others:

1. The range of travel; and what will you do in a traffic jam in winter as your battery dies by keeping you warm?
2. The lack of infrastructure to charge them;
3. The fact that the materials to build them benefit China;
4. The fact that said materials (batteries) present a huge cost and no solution as to how to dispose of them when used up, (along with windmill blades and solar panels);
5. The explosive capabilities of said batteries producing unquenchable fires;
6. And finally, the fact that you're burning coal to produce all this very expensive electricity! What an insult to common sense. Every time you change from one energy source to another, there is a loss. Drill gas...burn gas. Hydrogen? Nuclear? How about fusion?

This proposal is right up there with most of the liberal plans for Maine, along with abortion to full term. On that, the legislature defied the clear will of the people. And you will pay dearly as Mainers awaken to your insanity.

Sincerely,
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