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Comments:

I am not in favor of adopting this proposal in Maine.

I am a car enthusiast and I see adopting this proposal as limiting my choices to enjoy a hobby of my choice. If I choose no snowmobile, no powerboat, no motorcycle, no private plane, no jet ski, no side by side, no big pickup to haul all these things, why don't I get to have a car hobby.

I live in Wells. My understanding is that the population varies from about 10,000 in the dead of winter to 40,000 on the Fourth of July. How many of these residential spaces are heated in the winter when they are unoccupied? So, some people are allowed to buy fuel to heat a space that they are not using? When I am not driving a car it is not using gas. Maine appears to be promoting electric heat pumps for residential use. So how many of us could enjoy our car hobby if heat pumps were required in unoccupied residences? Is the State infrastructure ready to support large numbers of electric cars? Since the recent storms I see news reports of major work required to repair and strengthen what we have. Is this a good time to force a Statewide charging network? Picture a remote spot in Maine where there is a generator installed as a backup powering a electric car charging station because we have not yet rebuilt and strengthened our power grid.

Maine people are reasonable, if it turns out that electric vehicles are great for Maine people will adopt them. But I am not for forcing some acceptance rate at some date, especially something modeled after California. Start using them as Government vehicles first and show us how they work and see what is involved in developing the infrastructure.

Give us the information and let us choose.

Thank You

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