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Please do not copy California's electric car requirements.

My feelings about it. I am an auto enthusiast, I like my ICE cars with manual transmissions. Why not encourage people to conserve, but let us have a choice. Establish a goal of total energy consumption and let people participate. In Maine there are many people that engage in recreation that involves gas engines. What about boating, snowmobiling, atv's, private planes, those hobbies are ok but ICS cars are not? How much energy is used by people with second homes in Maine that are heated but not occupied in the winter. If I have to give up my auto hobby, will it be against the law to heat an unoccupied home? I am retired so I drove about 6000 miles last year, what is point at which electric vehicles make sense for me?

California vs Maine. California is more crowded than Maine, if they can't have light duty trucks they might switch to electric, is there a study of how many Mainer's might just get a bigger pickup with a bigger gas engine if light duty gas pickup's are banned?

Is it practical. The recent storms did significant damage to infrastructure and from what I understand repair and rebuilding will not be easy or quick. I would rather see the State help with water, sewer, electric, roads, bridges, coastal protection than force a new statewide electric vehicle charging infrastructure. In many areas of Maine there are ICE generators to keep homes and business powered when the grid goes down. So will the new electric vehicle charging grid include ICE generators to keep the charging stations operating?

Thank You for considering my comments.

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