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It is unconstitutional to mandate that someone must buy an electric car. Living up in Maine, where the winters are incredibly cold, are not good for electric cars. It causes them to take longer to charge, and the heat never seems to work properly in the frigid weather.

My son is a fireman in Gorham, and I have heard horror stories of First Responders trying to put out the fires when an electric car is on fire. Water does not extinguish the flames on an electric battery. Additional chemicals need to be used in order to put the fire out. With that being said, it can take hours upon hours until the fire is completely out. So why on earth would we want to drive a car, that in the event of an accident, the fire will not be put out in a reasonable amount of time. Not to mention the DANGEROUS AND TOXIC smoke that a battery in an electric car produces, when it is on fire.

I should have the right to choose what kind of car I want to purchase! It should be my choice, not the Government's.

I want to know when the batteries are no longer chargeable, where do we dispose of them?? Is there an electric car battery landfill somewhere? So, I must ask, is that good for our environment??

Sincerely, Jeanine Haberny

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