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The proposed regulation to require all passenger cars, light duty trucks and medium duty vehicles be Electric will be detrimental to nearly all residents and business owners in Maine.

On a regular basis we travel 150, 200 or more miles in a day to reach our clients. In this cold weather we are having are supposed to stop and charge in between? I really don't care if some of the newer vehicles can get high mileage (on fair weather days). I already go out on occasion and have to jump start a vehicle whose battery died because the wind chill was -10 the night before.

I don't want to pay for electricity that just fades away when not in use (overnight).

I don't have the money to pay 45-60k on an electric vehicle, install a charging station and pay for the enormous repairs when the vehicles break down... and they do. How much is it to replace a battery? Where do these enormous batteries come from? Where do they go when they fail and get replaced?

Is our infrastructure capable of handling these heavy vehicles? Much heavier than norm gas powered vehicles. Are the guardrail systems designed to stop a car that weighs twice as much?

NO I STAND IN COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

If someone chooses to go electric, great for them... get your checkbook ready. But for me and most of the people I know... it's not affordable, practical, or safe. It isn't even environmentally friendly.

What happened to hybrid? Hmmm. Why did we stray so far from that... I could get behind hybrid.

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