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The current infrastructure of our nation and our State of Maine cannot handle the energy requirements that would be necessary to make this program feasible. Not only are there not enough power stations available to keep these vehicles running in the vast rural areas of the state, there would not be enough energy being produced to meet the current needs for heating and lighting and running electric vehicles at the same time.

If a gas powered vehicle runs out of fuel, the gas can be transported to the vehicle quickly and efficiently. Electric power would require massive portable generators (powered by gas) to take several hours to recharge an electric vehicle.

In addition, many Mainers just won't be able to afford to buy, operate and maintain electric vehicles.

Electric vehicles may be feasible in large municipal areas but are just not practical in the many rural ares in Maine.

The technology is just not adequate to serve such a program at this time.

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