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It is clear by the public response that the MAJORITY of comments were in opposition to this mandate. The word mandate causes me to feel that I am losing my freedom and rights as an American. There should never be a mandate forcing people to do what a minority of people want them to do, usually to satisfy some sort of idea to make a few feel rewarded. Especially when it is signed by 150 people who probably do not represent the majority of Maine citizens.

Common sense should prevail. Maine is cold. I do not want to sit in an EV while it charges at 20 or 30 degrees below zero. Our infrastructure is not able to support this MANDATE. We must build any program from the ground up, not piecemeal with no thought of what will happen in 5 or 10 years. I resent having to subsidize this dream. I would not buy an EV until they are proven to work in extreme weather and until it is convenient. and cost effective. That does not mean subsidized by the tax payer.

We are not nor should we ever hope to be California. A failed state. Maine is made up of independent minded people who make due. This mandate will place an unnecessary burden on the tax payers of Maine. People will leave Maine as they have California.

I would ask that the people who started this would stop now and find ways to strengthen our power sources . Please vote NO. Listen to the people!!

Thank you,  
Karla Bell