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A Board of 7 people, especially since none were elected by the people, has no right to dictate that all residents of this State will be limited to EV vehicles. Batteries lose power in cold weather. Much of Maine is rural, sparsely populated and lacks the availability of charging stations. What if the nearest charging station is 60 miles away? Driving in Maine requires reliable, dependable transportation and fueling stations. What happens when the power is out for 4 days? And it's cold. and your EV's battery is out of juice?

When EV's are readily available, affordable, charging stations are nearby and convenient, residents who can afford and whose lifestyles allow the use of electric vehicles will buy them. We do not live in this State because we are willing to allow 7 individuals to dictate what we can and cannot purchase.

Remember, the root cause of pollution is TOO MANY PEOPLE.

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