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This past year I was drawn for what is for a select few, a once in a lifetime event, the Maine moose hunt. Much preparation and many dollars went into my hunt with the help of several family members and close friends. We spent 10 days deep in the woods of Maine scouting and hunting the elusive creature, rising at 4 am and coming home exhausted at 7:30. Eat, sleep, hunt sprinkled with amazing fellowship in the wilds of Maine. I surmise it will not be the same kind of experience when we have to draw straws for who needs to take the trucks into town to charge for a few hours as the camp runs for a few hours a day on a solar generator which could not charge all the vehicles.

We have family and friends up north that we visit as often as we can. If you have ever spent any time in the County, which I surmise the members of the board have not, then you would understand the hardships this would bring to an already financially crippled infrastructure and economy. Gas stations are few and far between. I believe there will be plenty of northern border crossings to purchase vehicles that run on gas and start when it's cold. New Hampshire is also likely to see a surge of Maine purchases. How will this affect dealerships in Maine? Running out of battery charge in the county could literally be life or death. Plus they would really rather be left alone to simply live their lives and not have people who have never even visited their slice of heaven tell them what they can and can't drive. Nothing is one size fits all, forcing the citizens of Maine to purchase something that they don't want, can't afford, and isn't safe for their circumstances seems like waters we should steer clear of. Just because some think it's a good idea, doesn't make it so for everyone. Buy it if you want it, coercion and force are never the right path. I urge you to look at all Mainers and realize that this "feel good" ideology is not something to be taken lightly and shut it down. Especially since the reason you are holding this meeting in February is because we were all without power in December.

Respectfully,
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