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"The slave-breeders and slave-traders, are a small, odious and detested class, among you; and yet in politics, they dictate the course of all of you, and are as completely your masters, as you are the master of your own negroes." Abraham Lincoln

How does this quote relate to the bill being set forth today? Though we may not be talking about slavery, it still has the same theme. It is the "small, odious, detested class, among you" who are pushing for a forced money scheme, "yet in politics, THEY dictate the course of ALL of you and are as completely your masters." This has nothing to do with bettering the human condition. The purpose of all this is for the elite-minded to be euphoric as they are patted on the back of their circle-jerk brethren.

The finger-wagging climate change activists and social justice champions don't seem to care about:

- 1. Actual modern-day forced labor/slavery is occurring to make these "green" materials. Many of these slaves are children.
- 2. The destruction of land that it takes to abstract the rare materials and the poisonous waste that they produce.
- 3. The financial constraints this puts on the average person, aka the plebs. Maine is where people need a vehicle to get to work and has a high cost of living compared to other states.
- 4. How fossil fuels have bettered lives worldwide, especially in some of the poorest communities.
- 5. Basic common sense. Batteries don't work well in cold-weather environments. Electricity is generated from fossil fuels. We do not have an updated electrical system that will hold all of us charging our vehicles.

How about climate change activists allowing the free market to do what it does, giving freedom of choice? If you want to join this cult, go for it. Buy your electric vehicles and let the rest us the right to self-determination.

Best regards,

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