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This is the most ridiculous proposed law in Maine that I have ever seen. (And believe me when I say many citizens think that it is among many other ridiculous proposals.) It is quite evident from the present state of our electric grid that it is not adequate to support the needs we have. We like many others in Maine were duped into purchasing a heat pump for our home in Maine. During any storm when we lose power, we chance freezing to death because the power is out. This proposal would layer on top of the current problematic state of affairs, the inability to run an electric car. They are too expensive. They are unreliable. They are not designed to be used in a rural state where the electric grid cannot even keep the heat pumps going. So picture this: it is winter and freezing, the electric power is out. The heat pump is not heating my home. I am elderly and need to stay warm. So I decide to travel to a warming center somewhere in the state. However, my electric car won't take me there because it doesn't have any power from the electric grid either! So in my opinion, this proposal needs to be put on hold until the EV technology is better and we have a more reliable electric grid in Maine, selling electric power we can afford in rural Maine!

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