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Hello.

Making EVs mandatory is an insane idea for a cold weather state. Our government has no right taking away people's choice in what we buy or don't buy. If people wish to purchase such a vehicle then it should be between them and whomever is selling the vehicle.

Three months ago we purchased a Plug in Hybrid. We both like it although it does not meet the claims of mileage that the manufacturer stated. Close but no cigar. We still like the vehicle. We purchased it, not because it was mandated but because we wanted to. That's a sound of freedom which your unelected bureaucrat board is threatening to take away.

It is true that in cold weather car batteries do lose their charge. What you're not told is that a fully charged battery if left unplugged in cold weather will lose some of its charge. My Plug in loses 8-12% of its range parked overnight in an unheated garage. I found this to be true in a brand new Plug in Hybrid that is only 3 months old. The temperature reached 15 degrees outside. The temp in the garage was actually much warmer than outside. I can't imagine how much loss would happen if the outside temp was closer to 0 degrees or if it was parked outside with a modest wind chill factor. How much loss would happen if it was fully charged parked outside or inside without use for multiple days? What people have stated about range being affected in cold weather is absolutely true. Needless to say I am thrilled that I also have a gas powered engine as there are only two stations to charge a non Tesla in my town of 12,000+.

I find it amusing that it only took 150 probably well off environmentalist to initiate this idea of adopting a policy that was designed for a warm weather state. If this is passed many Mainers will be severely impacted in a very negative way. Lord forbid if power is lost for days during an emergency. Isn't that why your board postponed your vote? The majority of Mainers are not as well off financially as those of you on this board and of those who are pushing this insane mandate.

I have said enough. This agenda driven insanity has no place in Maine. It must end and now is a good time to start.

It's just doesn't make sense for Maine. I urge all of you to vote NO on this adoption of California's EV mandate.

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