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I am writing in opposition to the EV mandate.

Quite simply this does not make sense for Maine. Maine does not have the infrastructure to support EVs, nor are they feasible in our widely fluctuating temperatures.... anyone who knows anything about batteries knows that capacity is drastically reduced in cold weather conditions. I foresee deaths from stranded motorists and people who can't get fuel for their generators when the powers out for days since their EV will be dead also.

Recent studies have shown that milage estimates are vastly over stated for EVs and a recent study determined guardrails along all our highways are no t suitable for preventing an EV from going off the road since EVs (on average) weigh 2000 lbs more than a gas equivalent, they plow right thru them.

The statement that it will reduce operating costs is simply not true since the cost of replacing a battery in an EV is astronomical, due to higher weights they will eat up tires much faster, increase the wear on our roads and will contribute nothing towards road maintenance since that is primarily paid out of the gas tax.

The fact that emergency vehicles has a carve out is all the reason needed to not mandate EVs...if they aren't sufficient for our first responders they aren't sufficient for our citizens.

This bill will drive up the price of new and used gas vehicles alike as the people are smart enough to know that EVs just aren't up to snuff...nobody wants to wait in line for an hour to then sit for an hour to charge their vehicle just to make the return trip from the grocery store.

This bill, if inacted, will cost the states economy billions in lost time.

Rural Maine will not survive if this passes....but maybe that's the whole point. We see the distain from the coastal democratic elite on a daily basis already.

California prevented people from charging their EVs last summer due to lack of electric capacity...and people are fleeing California in droves...don't make Maine California.

If EVs are so great, let the free market decide and people will buy them on their own free will....but people KNOW Evs are crap, hence the reason for this bill...to shove EVs down the surfs throat...

sincerely,
Robert Coolong