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Hello

I am writing today to say that I am against the state mandate which would require me to buy a certain type of car - whatever that car may be. It is a blatant overreach of government.

In particular EV's make no sense outside of the big city realm and frankly Maine does not have the environment nor geography to support this mandate.

Ford company loses \$36,000 on every electric Ford F-150 and they are firing 70% of their EV workers - switching to ramp up gas vehicle production.

The cost of mining lithium as opposed to drilling for oil is substantially higher from a human and environmental cost.

Electricity costs in Maine are already some of the highest in the nation - how will the people of Maine pay for the higher cost of operating an electric vehicle including maintenance?

Without garages (which allow for the preconditioning of batteries) an EV will not work in the bitter cold. What is the percentage of Maine homes with a garage? What is the percentage of Maine homes that can be outfitted with a charging station, what is that cost? What is the average cost of a charge versus the cost of filling up at the gas pump both from a fiscal and time wasted perspective?

Can the state be sued when an electric vehicle owner can't charge their car in the middle of nowhere and they freeze to death - since it was the state that forced them into this decision and there is no infrastructure to support it?

What is the point of taking away the citizens right to choose what they want to drive? I do not believe a government agency even has the authority to make such a mandate and I suspect that should the dep move forward on this it will be struck down by the courts.

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