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Please don't mandate electric cars for Maine. With the recent storms we had that should have been a red flag to change course. People went without power for days and weeks. This happens every year. I've lived here my whole life. Some people have even gone up to a month some years without power. There isn't any back up for when there's no electricity. This needs years of more studies with a sustainable back up. Thousands of people won't be able to go to work where there is a large enough generator to keep businesses open. I know people that only have a wood stove going during power outages. What about black outs periods when we're told by the news not to run your air conditioners or to use your washer and dryer after 9 pm to conserve Energy. This is not a common sense plan for Maine. The grid we have now isn't sustainable as it is presently. You're going to hurt allot of people with the notion of mandatory electric cars in Maine. Never mind the fact people that can afford them, have them. The population of people on fixed incomes that can't get credit or afford an electric car. You are purposely making them shut ins with no way to get their basic needs met. Doctors visits and grocery shopping. Do you have a plan for them. Will you be doing all their errands? I think not. With this mandatory requirement your bringing Maine to its knees. You'll put thousands of Mainers out of work. Will your legislators pass a bill to pay for their rent, lights, phone, cloths and groceries for two years until they can get back on their feet? This in so many ways is wrong for Maine. Thank you! Tina

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